

Unit 4: How Do I Live My Life?

- Ultimate lesson: The Lord's prayer teaches us to daily receive God's gifts and commend our lives to Him.
- What is Prayer?
 - Talking to God in words and thoughts.
 - "Jesus never taught His disciples how to preach; only how to pray."
- Ways to pray (p98-99 in journal)
 - A-C-T-S
 - "Simple Way to Pray"
 - Circle Out
 - Spontaneous, Biblical, Written, from memory
 - Don't be afraid to Google
 - Prayer takes practice—it's okay if you're just starting!
- Walked through the Lords' Prayer
 - Our Father, who art in heaven
 - The word is *Abba*, like Papa.
 - So we pray, "Heavenly Father..."
 - Hallowed be Thy name.
 - He desires us to keep His name holy, not make it holy.
 - So we pray, "Most Holy God..."
 - Thy kingdom come
 - Three ways to think of the kingdom:
 - Power (all of creation)
 - Grace (where His Word is spread or heard)
 - Glory (still coming with Jesus)
 - So we pray, "Bringer of the Kingdom..."
 - Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven
 - God's will is that all people come to know Him as their Father and live under the reign and rule of His Son.
 - How do we know God's will?
 - What does the Bible have to say about it?
 - What's the wisdom of mature Christians I trust?
 - What is the Spirit telling me through circumstances?
 - Have I prayed over it?
 - So we pray, "To the One who knows better than I do..."
 - Give us this day our daily bread
 - Teaches us to be thankful, content, and thoughtful
 - So we pray, "Provider of all that I need..."
 - And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us
 - Because of what Jesus did we pray this with honesty, humility, and confidence
 - We forgive like God does: immediately, fully, freely, and frequently
 - So we pray, "Merciful and forgiving Father..."
 - Lead us not into temptation
 - The doors are always opening—no temptation to great for God
 - So we pray, "My leader and protector..."
 - But deliver us from evil
 - We live without fear. Satan has no weapon we can't call out.
 - So we pray, "Great deliverer..."

Start the Conversation Now:

The Goal is for them to be able to Articulate Their Faith

- **Unit 1**

- What is confirmation? What does it mean to be confirmed?
- What does it mean to be a Christian?
- What's the Bible?
 - What's the point of the Bible? Or what's its central message?
 - The Bible works in mainly two ways (or functions) on our lives. What are those two ways?
 - Why are they both important?

- **Unit 2**

- Who are you?
- What's your purpose?
- Tell me about the Ten Commandments.
- How do the Ten Commandments help answer the question: Who am I?
 - What are the three uses of the Law?
 - What does it mean to love God with all your heart, soul, and strength?
 - What are the first three commandments and what do they have to do with loving God?
 - What does it mean to love your neighbor as yourself?
 - What are commandments 4-10 and what do they have to do with loving your neighbor?
 - Which commandment is easiest? Which is the hardest?

- **Unit 3**

- Who is God?
- Tell me about the Apostles' Creed.
- How does the Apostles' Creed help answer the question: Who is God?
 - Tell me about the Trinity. What does it mean that we believe in the Trine God?
 - Tell me about God the Father. Who is He? What did He do? What does He do?
 - Tell me about Jesus. Who is He? What did He do? What does He do?
 - Tell me about the Holy Spirit. Who is He? What did He do? What does He do?

- **Unit 4**

- How should you live your life?
- Tell me about the Lord's Prayer.
- How does the Lord's Prayer help answer the question: How do I live my life?
 - What is prayer?
 - How would you summarize what the Lord's prayer helps us to do?
 - What parts of the Lord's Prayer help you to daily receive His gifts?
 - What parts help you to daily commend your life to Him?
 - What part of the Lord's Prayer is the easiest for you to follow through with? Which is the hardest?