



Dangerous Prayers

WEEK 1 - YOUR WILL BE DONE

SERIES BIG IDEA

God's dream for you is to be a fully engaged Christ-follower, to be on adventure with Jesus that is daring, life-changing, full of purpose. If you're ready for something more, start praying dangerous prayers.

MESSAGE BIG IDEA

Lord, I'm ready for your will to be done in my life.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 6:5-15

5 "And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. 6 But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. 7 And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. 8 Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. 9 "This, then, is how you should pray: "'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, 10 your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. 11 Give us today our daily bread. 12 And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. 13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.' 14 For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

Acts 2:42-47

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43 Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. 44 All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45 They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. 46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

ICEBREAKER

What was your favorite moment of 2016? What are you looking forward to in 2017?

BIBLE APPLICATION

1. Read Matthew 6:5-15 and Acts 2:42-47, what stood out to you? What struck you?
2. What do these verses tell us about how we are called to bring the kingdom of Heaven to earth?

LIFE APPLICATION

3. When we begin to celebrate, connect, and contribute it can start to change our lives. What are some ways that celebrating, connecting, and/or contributing have effected change in your life or in the life of someone you know?
4. What kinds of safe prayers do we fall into praying?
5. Have you ever prayed a dangerous prayer? What was the result?

NEXT STEPS / CHALLENGE

6. Complete the 3C Spiritual Growth Plan on the COMMUNITY app or at communitychristian.org/3c.
7. Take some time right now or later this week to write a prayer for 2017 to help bring Heaven to earth. What would you like to see happen in your families, your workplaces, your friends' lives, and your community this year?