

CHAPTER 2: PRAYING THE JESUS CREED

Read Luke 11:1-4 and Matthew 6:9-13

1. What are the striking similarities of the *KADDISH*¹ of Judaism of the *KADDISH* of Jesus?
...What are the striking differences?
2. Jesus taught his disciples as their *rabbi* – as a mentor and spiritual guide. He invited them ... and invites us to let this special prayer be a daily guide into the deeper truths of God's will for our lives *personally and corporately*.

How would my life look different if I rubbed this prayer into my heart, soul, mind?

How would my feelings, desires & thoughts change?

How would that affect & effect how I respond to people, events, circumstances?

What if my family, my church, my community rubbed this oil on our hearts?

Scot McKnight mentions that Jesus' prayer will help "prevent his disciples from *lapsing into self-saturated prayers*."

3. Has your prayer life been free from *self-saturation*? If not, how might the Lord's Prayer reorient your heart and prayer life?

Consider the gifts of the Lord's Prayer and what it teaches God's people:

We learn to approach God as Abba.

We learn what God really wants.

We learn to think of others.

We learn what everyone needs.

4. As a student of Jesus (aka "disciple"), how would describe your "*yearning*" for these 4 things that Jesus taught? Which of these areas do you seek to yearn more?
5. How does the Lord's Prayer ignite you to live out *The Jesus Creed*?

Next week: Chapter 3, The Abba of the Jesus Creed

¹ **KADDISH** – An ancient Hebrew prayer that is intended to be recited in community or individually (often used in prayer services for a deceased loved ones).