**“Dangerous Prayers – Pt 2”**

**Jan 18/19, 2025**

**Speaker: Tom Hughes**

**Opening:** [15 mins] We suggest you begin with an opening prayer and then a brief “catch up” or “icebreaker” before moving into the *scripture reflection* and *application questions*.

**Scripture Reflection:** [20 mins] **Read Matthew 6:9-13.** After allowing the group time to reflect on the passages, ask them to share what most stands out to them.

**Ice Breaker:**Ask participants how they are coping with the fires and other current life circumstances.

**Application Questions:** [40 mins](*These questions will help you and your group dig deeper into the weekend sermon. Feel free to edit or use only those which fit your allotted time.)*

1. Tom taught the first part of the Lord’s prayer invites us to a: Dangerous perspective: Our Father, in heaven, may your name be kept holy.
   1. How do you address God? What is the invitation in this prayer to address God in a more intimate way?
   2. What do you think it means to keep his name holy? What is your understanding of holiness?
2. The second part of the prayer invites us to a Dangerous allegiance: Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
   1. What do you think it means for His kingdom to come? Why might this be a dangerous prayer?
   2. How have you seen His kingdom on earth in the past few days/weeks?
3. Thirdly we learned a Dangerous dependence: Give us today our daily bread.
   1. Is this an easy concept for you to apply?
   2. How does this change your prayers or even the ways you live today?
4. Fourthly, we learned about a Dangerous grace: And forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us.
   1. Do you find it easy to pray forgiveness for those that have sinned against you?
   2. How might you grow in this part of the prayer?
5. Lastly, we learned about a Dangerous battle: And don’t let us yield to temptation but deliver us from the evil.
   1. To ask God’s help in temptation and deliverance from evil is to admit our vulnerability. It’s dangerous because it requires humility to recognize that we are not strong enough to face temptation and evil on our own.
   2. How do you view this type of spiritual battle?
   3. Is this an active part of your prayer life? How might you begin implementing these prayers more often?

**Closing & Prayer**: [15 mins] Pray the Lord’s prayer as a group.