

Core Values

Huddle 2: *Prayerfully Dependent*



SETTING THE ATMOSPHERE

As children arrive, collect the “In” slips and see which grade they are in for their huddle teams. Remember to check all slips to make sure children are to be in Up & Out this hour.

Team Time

Each team leader (student leader) should spend time getting a conversation started within the team to find out more about each child. Spend time today discussing the following questions up front...

- Does anyone pray before their meals? Do you have a standard prayer that you use?
- Does anyone here pray at bedtime?
- When do you pray other than meals or bedtime?

Huddle Teams

- 1st & 2nd grade girls
- 1st & 2nd grade boys
- 3rd & 4th grade girls
- 3rd & 4th grade boys

Opening Prayer

Leader prays for the group.

LESSON HUDDLE

Let's all come over together and get started this morning. Good morning, Up & Out! Where we look up (pause for the group to respond) **TO GOD** and look out (Pause) **TO OTHERS**.

Who remembers the new series we started in Up & Out last week? That's right we started a series on the Core Values of Grace church. There are 6 core values that we as a church body believe the Bible teaches us to be of utmost importance. Can anyone remember the first core value that we discussed? Great! Biblically oriented means that we use the Bible to direct our thoughts, actions, and lives. Here are the six Core Values listed once more:

1. Biblically Oriented
2. Prayerfully Dependent
3. Faithfully Gathered
4. Courageously Generous
5. Ministry Focused
6. Culturally Engaged

This is the second week of the Core Values series and today we will focus on being Prayerfully Dependent. What does it mean to be dependent on someone? (*You rely on them, you trust them, you need them to provide for you, you are unable to do without them*) To be Prayerfully Dependent means that we are using our prayers to demonstrate our trust in God. Why do you think we should pray to God? Does He need anything from us? (*Communicate, Thanksgiving, Praise, Confession, Present our needs*) God doesn't need anything from us, but He does desire a relationship with us. If we don't pray to God very often we tend to lose touch with Him, almost like a forgotten friend. When we don't pray it also indicates that maybe we are trusting in ourselves and our circumstances more than an all-powerful God. Ultimately, prayer helps us to remain connected to God and to be more aware of His presence in our lives.

Let's open up our Bibles to Philippians 4:6. Does anyone want to volunteer to read this verse?

“Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.”

There are 4 parts to this verse:

1. Don't worry
2. Pray about everything
3. Tell God your needs
4. Thank him for all he has done

Last week we learned that being Biblically oriented can change the way we think and act. This particular scripture gives us very practical ways to change the way we think (*Don't worry*) and instructions on how to act (*Pray about everything, tell God your needs, thank him for all he has done*) Let's read a few scenario cards and see if we can talk through the 4 steps that were given in Philippians 4:6.

Huddle Up, Pray, & Break

ACTIVITY: Scenario Cards

Materials Needed:

- Scenario cards 1-4 (*Have one volunteer read each card, as a group use the 4 steps from above to discuss how to handle each scenario*)

In Matthew 6 we can read about Jesus teaching his disciples about what NOT to do when you pray. He instructs them to NOT pray out of pride being showy or with lots of words to try to impress those around them. Prayer is a time to humbly come before the Lord. In verse 9 he teaches them what is commonly known as the Lord's Prayer. Turn with me to Matthew 6:9-13 (*Have students volunteer to read 1 verse each*) We will read this 3 times through then play a game.

“Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy. May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us today the food we need, and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us. And don't let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one.”

Lord's Prayer Puzzle

Materials Needed:

- Lord's prayer pieces
- 2 envelopes

In each envelope are pieces of the Lord's Prayer that we just read through 3 times. We are going to split up into 2 teams (ex. Boys vs. Girls) and race to see who can get the verse together in the correct order first.

Who can tell me the first 2 core values we have learned? (*Biblically Oriented & Prayerfully Dependent*) Biblically oriented is how we let the Bible shape our thoughts and our actions. Being prayerfully dependent is how we show that our trust and hope is not in ourselves but in our Lord and Savior.

Leader prays for the group.

Additional activities if time allows:

ABC Thankfulness Prayer Game

Children sit in a circle go around listing things they are thankful for in alphabetical order as follows:

Dear Lord.... xx (clap, clap)
Thank you for....xx
the Animals....xx

Dear Lord...xx
Thank you for....xx
Bananas....xx

If a child cannot come up with an example on their turn you can either pass over them or have them sit in the middle until only one child remains.

Books of the Bible Bingo

Use the Books of the Bible Bingo set that was used the first week of the Core Values unit.



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