



BECOME A PERSON WHO COMMUNES WITH THE FATHER

SUMMARY:

In this sermon from Pastor Derwin, he shared on how we can be people who commune with God the Father at all times no matter what's going on around us. Unfortunately, there are many people who live a life terrorized by fear, anxiety, and anger. God has something better for us. He calls us to a beautiful life filled with faith, hope, and love.

When we practice the presence of God in every area of life, it brings unshakable peace. Remember, you were made for prayer and prayer makes you. Prayer transforms you more into the image of Jesus. We always have access to God the Father in prayer through Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit. Never forget the magnitude of this beautiful truth.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

In his message, Pastor Derwin shared that Cyprian, a North African Pastor-Theologian, coined the phrase "the Lord's Prayer." He used this term to describe the prayer Jesus gave to his disciples in Matthew 6:9-13. Take some time to read this prayer now.

Are you familiar with this prayer?

What makes it special or unique?

Read Psalm 42:1-2.

What is the psalmist saying in these verses?

Why is the psalmist longing to stand before God? Can you relate to this sentiment?

Read Ephesians 1:4-7.

According to this verse, when did God first love us and choose us in Christ?

This verse says we are holy. How is that possible?

In Christ we have received a new status: holy/set apart and righteous/blameless. We do not earn this new status, it is given to us because of Jesus. We are adopted into God's family because of God's kindness and great love for us.

What does it mean for you to be adopted into God's family?

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Read John 15:1-8.

Why is it necessary to prune branches from a plant? How does God prune us?

According to verse 3, are we already clean? Why?

Verse 4 encourages us to remain in Jesus, how do we do that?

In what ways have you seen God producing fruit in you?

End your time together by praying this prayer over one another:

Abba,

I have been created by Your love to experience love.

Often, I feel unlovable,

but You say I am loved with a divine love that is limitless.

Lord Jesus,

When the winds of doubt turn my face

Remind me of Your grace.

Remind me that the cross is Your forever "I love you."

Holy Spirit,

Help me to remember that I am Abba's child.

Help me to draw life from Abba's unceasing love in Christ Jesus.

May the love I live in be the love I give to others.

In Jesus' Name,

Amen.