

January Bible Study Synopsis (The Lord's Prayer)

The January Bible Study was held on Friday, January 31st, at the residence of Roshni and Asha John. The topic was "The Lord's Prayer." The Bible Study started at 6.45pm. 17 members including Achen and Kochamma were present. Nibi Mathai, Nisha Thomas, and Anila Kurian were also present as guests bringing the total attendance to 20.

We started with a round of songs and then proceeded to the Bible Study. The speakers assigned for each petition in the Lord's Prayer was as follows:

- 1) Matthew 6:9 -- Hallowed be your name (**Feby**)
- 2) Matthew 6:10a -- Thy Kingdom come (**Tom**)
- 3) Matthew 6:10b -- Your will be done (**Ajo**)
- 4) Matthew 6:11 -- Give us today our daily bread (**Sajith**)
- 5) Matthew 6:12 -- Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors (**Asha**)
- 6) Matthew 6:13A -- Lead us not into temptation (**Sajin**)
- 7) Matthew 6:13b -- Delivers us from evil (**Philip**)

Each speaker was given 5 minutes to speak and the speakers went in the above order. The first 4 petitions are towards God (name, will, kindgom). 5-7 are petitions for man. Achen then gave the concluding speech in which he talked about Hebrews 11:28. A discussion session followed after the Bible Study and many questions and comments on the topic were raised and discussed between the members present.

We then followed with some time for prayer and various members stressed the importance of and need for more prayer time in our bible studies this year. We went around the room and every one in attendance prayed a short prayer concluding with Achen's prayer and benediction. Afterwards, we decided to all say the Lord's Prayer together and with new-felt feeling and meaning in our words. The Bible Study ended at 8.25pm.

Afterwards, Ajo asked for volunteers for next month's bible study. Philip and Leena volunteered to have it at their place. Topic suggestions were requested and members agreed to study the 10 commandments in depth. Achen suggested to split it into 2 parts. We decided to have the "10 commandments 1-4" as our next bible study topic. Dinner was served afterwards by the host family.

For His Glory,

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