

Series: Getting out of Airplane Mode.

Scripture and Background Information for August 15-21.

To prepare for your group discussion each week, group members should use the **Community Group Discussion Guide** to complete the **GOD'S WORDS** and **MY WORDS** columns using the scripture below.

This week we finish up our series *Getting out of Airplane Mode: The Key to a Connected Life*, the study on how to live a connected life. Although the disciples saw Jesus performing many miracles, they wanted to learn from him how to stay connected to God the Father as he was. Thus, the disciples asked Jesus: *"Lord, teach us to pray."* Today we look into how to stay connected in spiritual affairs. For that, we discuss the last two verses of the prayer, **Matthew 6:12-13**.

Background for Matthew 6:12-13:

In our series, we learned that "the Lord's Prayer" is more than just a prayer for us to repeat. Instead, it teaches us the secret of a connected life. Jesus taught the disciples that the secret of a connected life has God as Father. As a Father, God leads us from a perspective that has our current situation and our future in perspective. Thus, trusting God is part of being connected. A life "out of airplane mode" is a life that depends totally on God. The secret for a connected life lies in a dependency on God in physical areas (bread) and spiritual matters (forgive us, lead us, deliver us).

Some questions to engage with the text:

1. When Jesus talks about "debts," is he talking about student loans or house loans or something more? Matthew 6:14-15 elaborates further on the topic to help us understand the concept of forgiveness. What does Jesus mean with "debts?"
2. The Bible teaches that we are saved by grace, not through works (Eph 2:8-9). Jesus is not calling us to earn God's forgiveness. Instead, we ought to practice that what we experienced from God. We are to live out God's will here on earth (6:10). As God forgave us, so we do to others! A connected life lives out the forgiveness we received from God. What is the perspective from which believers ought to forgive others?
3. James 1:13 shows us that God is not the one who tempts us. Would God lead us into temptation so that we fall? 1 Corinthians 10:13 shows that we will not bear more than we can carry. How do we overcome temptation? Who is the strength to overcome temptation?
4. When Jesus says, "lead us not into temptation," what implications does that have for our life (where we go; what we do; how we treat others)? What is one of the primary concerns of the believer, to live "out of airplane mode?"

*Note: Note: Jesus shows that connectedness to the Father can only be accomplished through a **new heart**. Thus, a life out of airplane mode is a life that is driven by God, focused on God, and*

empowered by God. Through Him, we can overcome our weaknesses and love those who hate us.