



These questions are designed to extend the impact of the Sunday message. Feel free to use them for your personal study time, your family, or your Family Group.

MESSAGE OVERVIEW

In Matthew 6:5-15, Jesus teaches us to pray. He shows us that our motive and approach to prayer must flow from the reality that God is our Father. Bottom line: prayer is a relationship with Dad, not a religious duty.

READ MATTHEW 6:5-15

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Preston shared a few examples of God's faithfulness in answering prayer. If you have one, share a similar story from your own life.

What does it look like to move from a transactional relationship with God to a transformational relationship? How does a person pray if they are being transformed by Jesus?

Is there a particular part of The Lord's Prayer that resonates with you? Is there a part of it that you sometimes find more difficult to pray?

In Matthew 5, Jesus refers to his followers as "the light of the world," encouraging them to let their good deeds be seen by others so that God may be glorified.

However, in this passage, he admonishes them to keep themselves from being seen in prayer. Why do you think Jesus makes this distinction?

APPLICATION

What is God saying to you through this passage of scripture?

In light of what you've heard, how are you going to be different in the future?

Find a few minutes a day this week to pray in secret. Use the Prayer Pentagon to help guide your thoughts.