



Small Discipleship Groups
Sermon Guide Questions
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Conversation starter to begin:

Growing up, how did you understand prayer? For example, were you taught any prayers? What was one of the earliest ones you can recall?

Next:

Read **Matthew 6:5-9a** aloud. Before you begin, pray and ask God to illuminate you, to show you where he has been at work and present in the previous days, and through others; ask Him to illuminate the Scripture to you. Pause in your prayer, listen, and pursue His leading.

Kingdom Worship: “Kingdom Prayer” (Part 1)

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1. How did Jesus say hypocrites prayed (v 5)? What was wrong with this, and why?
2. What aspects of our relationship with God does Jesus mention that should positively affect our prayer life?
3. What types of reward await us in the secret setting (v 6)?
4. In what ways have you experienced some of these negative tendencies — praying self-consciously or conscious of others, vain repetitions or thoughtless prayers, or needlessly long prayers?
5. Share where you are at in your prayer life lately.
6. In what way are these words from Jesus most encouraging or challenging to you today?
7. Pray as it flows from your discussion. How might God be inviting you or your group to respond and make an application?

