

Ice Breaker

What did prayer look like in your home, church, or community growing up?
Have you continued those traditions or do something different now?

*This week's message: When You Pray
Matthew 6: 5-7*

Big Idea:

Prayer matters—not only that we pray, but how we pray.

Discussion Questions

- ☐ What are the things that may keep us from praying?
- ☐ Read Luke 18:9-14. Is Jesus condemning public prayer or something else? How does corporate prayer differ?
- ☐ What are the modern-day equivalents of the public forums in which the Pharisees were praying?
- ☐ Where is your favorite place to pray by yourself? Why that place?
- ☐ When are you the most honest with God? When are you most guarded?
- ☐ Read Psalm 38:9-10. How do these verses reflect the sincerity of David's heart in prayer?
- ☐ God is concerned about the disconnect between the lips and the heart. Read Isaiah 29:13. How can we better foster a heart connection with God during prayer?

Further Application

In what ways do you want your prayer life to develop further? What steps can you take to grow in this area?

Consider choosing one of the resources on prayer to read found on page 34 of The Lord's Prayer all-church series guide.

Series: _____

Date: _____

Speaker: _____

Passage: _____

Notes:



Westover Life

[List events or other things the Group or Group Leader may need to know about.]

- Westover Membership Class – September 26
- Women's Bible Studies – last few days to register

Group Needs

[Collect Prayer Requests. Identify needs that the group could meet. Assign someone to follow-up with those absent]

Additional Prayer Focus Areas

[Westover leader, missionary, Group Life opportunities]

- Pray for the high school fall retreat – September 18-19

Group Life: *This week, our group will gather or scatter by ...
[i.e., Fellowship, G@H, Serve the body]*

