

It's Deeper Than That – Week 2 Small Group Questions

Opening Prayer

Ice Breaker

1. Jeff opened with the wild stat that selfie-related deaths (480 over 10 years) actually outnumber shark-related deaths (50–60) in that same span. What's the most extreme thing you've seen someone do — or done yourself — to get "the shot"?
2. If you could only pray a two-word prayer for the rest of your life, what two words would you pick?

Discuss

Main Scriptures: Matthew 6:5-7

1. Skye Jethani wrote, *"It appears our desire to be seen by others is killing us."* Jeff connected that to our selfie culture and to prayer. Where do you see the desire to be seen showing up in your own spiritual life, even in small ways?
2. Read Matthew 6:5–6. What's the difference between praying so others notice you and praying where others simply happen to notice you? Why does Jesus care so much about which one it is?
3. Read Matthew 6:7–8a. What's the difference between "babbling on" to convince God and simply being persistent with Him? Have you ever felt like you had to use the "right words" to get God to listen?
4. Three times in Psalm 107 (vv. 6, 13, 19), God's people cry out, "LORD, help!" and He saves them. Jeff said this might be the prayer he prays most. When's the last time "Lord, help!" was basically your whole prayer?
5. Read Matthew 6:8b. If God already knows exactly what you need before you ask, why do you think He still wants you to ask?
6. Dallas Willard said, *"Prayer is simply the key to everything we need to do and be in life. We must learn to pray. We have to."* What's one honest obstacle that keeps you from praying more than you do?

Practice

Set aside 10 minutes this week to "shut the door" — no phone, no distractions — and pray in private with no one else around to see or hear it.