

— **UPSIDE DOWN KINGDOM** | *THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT*

WEEK 7- UPSIDE DOWN PRAYER

Matthew 6:5-13

1. TWO FALSE MODELS OF PRAYER
 - THE RELIGIOUS MODEL OF PRAYER
 - THE NON-RELIGIOUS MODEL OF PRAYER
2. THE PURPOSE OF PRAYER IS TO EXPERIENCE INTIMACY WITH GOD AND TO DEVELOP TRUST IN GOD

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What part of this past Sunday's teaching stood out most to you? Why?
2. How has prayer been modeled for you throughout your life? What do you think is good about the way you've learned to pray? What is not so good about it?
3. The main idea this week was that "the purpose of prayer is to experience intimacy with God and to develop trust in God." Before you heard Sunday's teaching, how would you have described the purpose of prayer? After hearing Sunday's teaching, what has changed about your view of prayer?
4. On Sunday, we saw two models of prayer that Jesus tells us to avoid in Matthew 6:5-8, the religious model and the non-religious model. The religious model will never allow you to experience intimacy with God and the non-religious model will never allow you to trust in God. Do you find it more difficult to feel close to God or to trust Him? Why?
5. How would you describe your own private prayer life? Are there any examples of prayer in the Bible that have helped you learn how to pray?
6. The first 50% of the Lord's Prayer is focusing on and being amazed by God. It shows us that before we bring our needs to God, we must be focused on our need for God. What are some things about God that you find amazing?
7. Pray together as a group and spend some of your prayer time focusing on God and being amazed by God before you go into your prayer requests. Consider personally taking the 7-day prayer challenge that Pastor Ryan talked about at the end of the message on Sunday.
8. Even though we are no longer asking for food donations, the Fill the Pantry Campaign is far from over. As a next step, our church will be hosting a pop-up pantry at our facility. A pop-up pantry is a way of making food and essential resources more readily available to the people in our community. On Saturday, June 13 from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm, our facility will become a pop-up pantry stocked with food and other essential items that will be available to anyone who needs them. To get involved and serve like Jesus visit Severn.cc/Fill-the-Pantry.