

CHRISTIAN PRAYER

Matthew 6:5-13

MAIN IDEAS FROM THIS WEEK

1. WHO WE PRAY TO
2. WHY WE PRAY
3. WHAT CHRISTIAN PRAYER LOOKS LIKE
 - Regular and Consistent
 - Both Private and Communal
 - Properly Ordered
 - Biblical
 - Gospel-Centered

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS – Pick one or two of these to talk about as a group

1. What stood out to you most from this week's message? Why?
2. How would you describe your prayer life? What do you find most intimidating about prayer? What do you find most enjoyable about prayer?
3. When you are praying, how do you picture God? What are some truths about who God really is that you can see in Matthew 6:5-13?
4. Prayer doesn't make God see us. Prayer brings us to the place where we can see and experience that God sees us, recognizes us and values us. Have you ever experienced being seen by God in this way? What was it like?
5. Have you experienced a time in life when it felt like prayer just wasn't working? What was that like? What did you do?
6. **PRAY:** Take extra time as a group to pray together this week. Consider praying for each of these 5 categories pulled from the Lord's Prayer: **1)** For God to be honored for who he truly is. **2)** For God's kingdom to spread and His will to be done. **3)** For our daily material needs. **4)** For our daily spiritual needs. **5)** For protection and rescue.
7. **PRAYER GUIDE:** We have put together a prayer guide for anyone as a resource for anyone who is looking to develop a deeper prayer life. This guide has some practical tips as well as a list of other helpful resources on prayer. You can find the guide on the website under the sermon video and you can find it by clicking here: [PRAYER GUIDE](#)

A TRUTH TO TAKE WITH YOU: Joy and awe begin when we know that God is both an intimately close Father AND the heavenly, holy God above all.