

# DISCUSSION GUIDE

JUNE 6/7, 2020

HOW TO TALK TO GOD | TEACH US TO PRAY

MATTHEW 6:5-14



**Note to Leaders:** Every group is different, please choose the questions that relate best to your particular group from each section below.

\*Links to videos or resources are in blue and underlined.

## FOR STARTERS

1. If you had to rate your prayer life right now, 1 being low and 10 high, what number would you give it and why do you think it's where it is?
2. What new insights do you have about prayer from this week's teaching?
3. What story or comment stuck out from the panel discussion?

## DIGGING IN

1. Read Matthew 6:5-8.
  - a. What's wrong with the prayers of the hypocrites and why is finding a private, quiet place to pray so hard?
  - b. What kind of rewards might Jesus be thinking of, cf Matthew 6:6?
  - c. What are the two myths or misnomers Jesus is addressing about prayer in this section?
2. Read Matthew 6:9-13.
  - a. Notice the four times Jesus uses the plural form in the prayer.
  - b. Marc mentioned that when we pray, we need to be willing to be part of the answer to our prayers—work through the prayer and point out examples of that. For instance, when we pray on earth as it is in heaven, we are saying in my life as it is in heaven.

c. What do we know about temptation in James 1:13-15?

d. Who is the evil one? Look up John 8:44, John 10:10, 2 Corinthians 11:14, Ephesians 6:12 and 1 Peter 5:8.

3. Look up Ephesians 6:18-20, which follows on the heels of the different armor we have to battle the enemy—note what the Apostle Paul is teaching about prayer. (For more on spiritual armor, see the messages on our [resource page](#).)

## BRINGING IT HOME

1. What is God asking of you in response to the teaching or something said in the panel discussion?
2. If we could see people as part of God's family, what changes would it bring to our thinking, attitudes and actions?
3. Who do you need to forgive (forgive again), lest you give the Devil a foothold (Ephesians 4:26-27)?
4. Join us for our drop-in Live Prayer Event—Chalk Your Prayer—on Thursday, June 11 in the Sprecher Road Campus parking lot from 6 to 8 pm.

## GOING DEEPER

1. Watch the [full panel discussion](#) and ask God what it looks like for you to take the next step of obedience to see God's kingdom come in your life and world.
2. **Read, meditate on and memorize this Scripture:** "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven." Matthew 6:9-10

## OTHER RESOURCES

- *The Praying Life* by Paul Miller
- [How to Pray through Scripture](#)

## PRAYER REQUESTS

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