



Sermon/Small Group Guide for week of 09/06/20- Matthew 6:5-8  
**The Lord's Prayer Part #1**

**How Not to Pray**

**1. Don't pray with selfish motives**

-Read Matthew 6:1-4 and Luke 18:9-14

Discussion Questions: What are some observations you can make about both of these passages? What are some selfish or wrong motives you can see in both of these passages? How do you pray with selfish motives at times? What can you learn from Luke 18:9-14 about praying in such a way that honors and reveres God?

**2. Don't pray so that you can be heard by others**

-Read Ecclesiastes 5:1-7 and Matthew 6:16-18

Discussion Questions: What are the facts of both of these passages? Why shouldn't we pray to be heard by others? What do you think both Solomon and Jesus were trying to get their listeners to understand? What can you learn and apply from Ecc. 5:1-7 about humble prayer?

**3. Do pray to grow closer to God and pray because He knows all that you need**

-Read Matthew 6:25-34 and Luke 11:1-13

Discussion Questions: What do both of these passages tell us about God? How can we grow closer to God according to both of these passages? Why should we pray according to Jesus in both of these sections? How have you grown closer to the Lord through prayer? How has knowing that God knows all you need impacted your prayer life?

**Prayer requests/People to pray for:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Next steps to take as a result of the message:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Weekly Spiritual Growth Suggestions:**

-Read Matthew this week

-Listen to *The Lord's Prayer* by Shane and Shane, *Lord I Need You* by Matt Maher, *Christ Be All Around Me* by Leeland

-Pray through Matthew 6:5-13 this week