

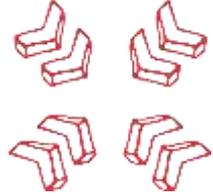
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LIFE
Study guide



Matthew 6:5-15
For Individuals and Life Groups
November 13, 2016

Introduction:

Prayer is one of the great mysteries of life. It is where our material world and the kingdom of God intersect. It is the place where we are confronted with our own limitations and the unlimited power and love of God. Prayer can also raise questions. Why should I pray if God already knows what I am going to say? Why pray if I don't think anything will change? Why pray if my life is already pretty good? Why pray? Join us for this three-part series as we explore the difference that prayer can make in the life of a follower of Jesus.



Into the scriptures

Read: Matthew 6:1-15

What do you notice about the passage itself? (Structure, repeated words or ideas, unique words, main points...)

What kind of prayer does Jesus warn against in this passage?

What are the different elements that Jesus calls us to pray?

What do you learn about Jesus in this passage? What questions does it raise for you about prayer?



Into my life



When it comes to prayer, what do you find most challenging? What do you find works?

From this passage, what do you think is the purpose of prayer? What is not the purpose of prayer?

Work through the Lord's prayer again and come up with something you can pray for for each line. Use it as a guide for your prayer time together.

How will you be different today because of what you just read?



Into the world



Who in your life needs God's kingdom to come on them? Pray for those people.



Prayer List



Challenge for the week:

My challenge for this week is:



More Resources for personal and group use:



A little about Westwood Church...



We believe that God changes lives!

That motivates us to...

Bring Jesus into Life

By...

...becoming an increasingly healthy, vibrant and effective witness for Jesus in Prince George and around the world!

We do this by engaging in three things:



GATHER

Sunday mornings to celebrate and learn about God



GROUPS

Weekly meetings that go deeper in relationships with each other and God



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Serving in the church and community to present Jesus to the world