

Practicing Prayer

Discussion Guide | February 16, 2020 Matthew 6:9-13

Questions for Study and Discussion

** Before you begin, please read Matthew 6:5-13.

- 1. Imagine someone asked you to define or briefly explain what prayer is. What would you say?
- 2. Why is prayer vitally important for followers of Jesus?
- 3. What can make it difficult for you to pray? What can you do to address / overcome these obstacles?
- 4. Reflect back on what you've learned from reading and studying Matthew 6:9-13. As a group, make a list of "big take-aways" from the passage and the sermons that have been preached in this series.
- 5. Choose one of these take-aways. Why did this stand out to you? What might it look like to practically apply this take-away in your life?
- 6. What questions about prayer do you still have after this series? Discuss these questions (and brief responses) as a group.
- 7. How can you continue to prioritize prayer in your life, now that this "40 Days" series is done?
- 8. Spend extended time as a group in prayer. As a suggestion, pray through Matthew 6:9-13 verse-by-verse, leaving space after each reading for prayers to be offered that fall in line with the "category" introduced by the verse.