



STUDY GUIDE

Prayer

WEEK OF December 30, 2018

Matthew 6:5-15

CONNECT

1. What impacted you the most from Sam Houston's message?

GROW

2. Why do you think God instructs people to not be like hypocrites whenever they pray? In what ways can we exhibit hypocrisy when praying?
3. In verse 7, God includes not being like the Gentiles when we pray. What do you think this means? Contrast with the "hypocrites" in v5.

- 4. The next six questions are reflections on each of the aspects of the Lord's Prayer. Analyze why it's important and why is it placed where it is in the structure of the prayer. Finally, take some time and pray through each of these sections.**

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name..." (Note: on each of these sections take your time and go through these SLOWLY)

- 5. "Your kingdom come..." Why is it important and why is it placed where it is in the structure of the prayer?**

- 6. "Your will be done, on earth as it is heaven..." Why is it important and why is it placed where it is in the structure of the prayer?**

- 7. "Give us this day our daily bread..." Why is it important and why is it placed where it is in the structure of the prayer?**

- 8. "Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors..." Why is it important and why is it placed where it is in the structure of the prayer?**

9. “Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil...” Why is it important and why is it placed where it is in the structure of the prayer?

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10. Which section did you have difficulty reflecting on? What do you think this says about your own prayer life?

11. How do you think that this exercise will help you in your prayer life moving forward?