

Getting Started

1. How often do you pray? What do you pray for?
2. Would you ever consider leading a prayer in worship? Why or why not?
3. Do you believe God actually answers prayers?
4. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's sermon did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain

Digging Deeper

5. Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 118

Q. What did God command us to pray for?

A. Everything we need, spiritually and physically,¹ as embraced in the prayer Christ our Lord himself taught us.

¹ James 1:17; Matt. 6:33

Do ever hesitate to take something to the Lord in prayer?

6. Read Luke 11:1-4. How does this differ from Matthew 6:5-15?
7. Read Matthew 23. Do the scribes and Pharisees realize their hypocrisy?
8. Luke 18:10-14 is a great follow up read to the verses from Matthew 6. What message of prayer is reinforced with this parable?

Application

9. The strength of our relationship with God depends on how much time we spend with him. In order to have fellowship with God we need to be praying. How often do you sincerely pray to the Lord?

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Prayer

“A Primer on Prayer”

“And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.”

Matthew 6:5

- We are _____ to pray to God.
- Prayer is not meant for public _____, but is meant for _____ with God.
- Don't pray to check off a _____, pray _____ to the Lord.

Topics: Prayer, relationship, honesty