



HOUSE GROUPS

HOUSE Groups: Discussion Questions:

Matthew 6:5-15

(Memory Verse)

Matthew 6:8 NKJV 8 *"Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him.*

(Matthew 6:5): 5 "And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward.

Question: How does Jesus describe the individual that is being hypocritical while praying?

Question: How do we safeguard ourselves against being more concerned with what others think of our acts of spirituality than what God thinks?

(Matthew 6:6): 6 "But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who [is] in the secret [place]; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.

Question: What type of rewards are given to those that regularly spend time in prayer?

Question: How does spending private time with the Lord in prayer show itself publicly?

READ: *Jeremiah 33:3*

(Matthew 6:7-8): **7** "And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen [do]. For they think that they will be heard for their many words. **8** "Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him.

Question: How does understanding that your Heavenly Father knows the things you have need of before you pray for them help increase your faith?

Question: How does thanking God in advance for His provision protect your heart, and mind from anxiety?

(Matthew 6:9-13): **9** "In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. **10** Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as [it is] in heaven. **11** Give us this day our daily bread. **12** And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. **13** And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Question: How does having the proper perspective of God being in heaven, and we on earth change our perspective on our problems?

Question: How does praising the Lord at the beginning, and at the end of your prayer time ensure an amazing time of prayer?

Question: What does it mean when we pray for the Lord's kingdom, and will to be done on earth, and how should that impact our daily lives?

Question: Why is acknowledging your sin, and asking for forgiveness such an important part of prayer?

Question: How does prayer help us endure temptations?

The Lord's Prayer Outline

Lord be praised!
Lord Your will. Lord provide.
Lord forgive. Lord guide.
Lord protect.
Lord be praised!

(Matthew 6:14-15): **14** "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. **15** "But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Question: Why is forgiving others so important to the Lord?

Question: What happens to you when you *do not* forgive others their sins against you, and why is that so dangerous?