

7. What themes are repeated in verses 16-18, even though Jesus is now on the topic of fasting?
8. Was there a key point from the message that you would like to discuss, or expand upon?



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**Key Thought(s)**

You can pray like a \_\_\_\_\_ and receive the \_\_\_\_\_  
that a \_\_\_\_\_ deserves – or you can pray in \_\_\_\_\_,  
seeking to honour God, and receive the \_\_\_\_\_ that God  
reserves for you.

Remember – Our \_\_\_\_\_ is more \_\_\_\_\_ to God than  
our \_\_\_\_\_.



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**Personal Reflection**

1. Has this message changed the way you understand this familiar prayer, and how will it change the way you now pray?
2. What issues does this passage raise that are still issues today?



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**For Next Week**

In part seven of the series, we look at the prayer of Jesus record in John 17. This prayer reflects the lessons and concerns that Jesus had for His followers before going to the cross. What were they, and how well have we honored what Jesus prayed?



## Duplicate

### Matthew 6:5-18

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### Life Group Study Notes

#### Hear Us Now Sermon Series



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#### Theme of this Week's Message

In today's message we look at the best known prayer in the entire Bible. We hear it recited at weddings, at formal gatherings, and anywhere a communal prayer is needed. Yet, for all its familiarity, we can forget the reason Jesus taught it in the first place.



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#### This Week's Memory Verse(s)

<sup>3</sup> May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace. <sup>4</sup> Jesus gave his life for our sins, just as God our Father planned, in order to rescue us from this evil world in which we live. <sup>5</sup> All glory to God forever and ever! Amen.

Galatians 1:3-5 NLT



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#### Study

1. How do you respond to the typical definition that prayer is "simply talking to God?"
2. Why is it significant that Jesus is teaching about prayer in a Jewish context?

3. How do verses 5-8 undermine what we typically believe about prayer?
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
4. In verses 5-8, there are two key words that help frame the context for the prayer that Jesus teaches. What are they and discuss their importance?
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
5. The heart of the prayer is found in verses 9-13. What were the four points given in the message concerning these verses? Take time to discuss these in greater detail.
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_
6. Why is forgiveness such an important part of this teaching? (Especially since it's mentioned in the actual prayer in verse 12 and given further in verses 14-15).