

HAVE A PRAYER

ANSWERING GOD – PART 4

START TALKING. WITH AN ICEBREAKER QUESTION:

- You can find some on page 6 [here](#).
- What is your earliest memory of the Lord's Prayer?

START THINKING. ASK QUESTIONS THAT WILL GET YOUR GROUP THINKING.

- Why do you think Jesus shared this prayer with his Disciples? Re-read the context. Matthew 6:5-13
- Why do you think some people have misapplied this prayer and repeat it from memory as a form of religious exercise?

Matthew 6:5-13 (NIV)

⁵ "And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full.

⁶ But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

⁷ And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. ⁸ Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

⁹ "This, then, is how you should 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 today our daily bread. ¹² Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.'

START SHARING. CHOOSE THE QUESTIONS THAT WILL CREATE OPENNESS.

- What is the most challenging part of the Lord's Prayer for you?
- How could/have you incorporated the structure of this prayer in your daily prayer life?
- What parts of the prayer involve your actions and not just God's response?
- Why do you think that "thanks" seems to be left out of this prayer?
- What is your favorite part of the Lord's Prayer?

START PRAYING. BE BOLD, AND PRAY WITH POWER.

- Duh. I think you can figure this out this week. 😊

START DOING. COMMIT TO A STEP AND LIVE IT OUT THIS WEEK.

- 5x5. 5 minutes. 5 days a week. ACTS. Awe. Confession. Thanks. Supplication. Do it. Daily.