

Group Prayer Requests

The Lord's Prayer

Don't Pray This Way, Pray This Way
Matthew 6:5-9 (678) September 9, 2018

And when you pray...

✓ Jesus _____ us to pray.

_____ & _____ Prayer

Matthew 6:5-6

❶ **Don't** pray to _____ people.

Jesus cares about the _____ behind our prayers.

(_____)

Luke 18:9-12 (page 732)

❷ **Don't** _____ from praying to impress people.

❸ **Do** engage in _____ prayer between you and God.

Matthew 6:7-8

❹ **Don't** pray _____ prayers.

❺ **Don't** pray _____ prayers.

I Kings 18:25-29 (Page 246)

Jesus cares about the _____ of our prayers.

(_____)

❻ **Do** pray with God's _____, _____,
and _____ in mind.

Discussion Guide

Getting Started

Ask group members if they have the Lord's Prayer committed to memory.

Discuss how group members feel/think about The Lord's Prayer. (When did they first hear it, was it repeated each week at a church they attended, do they really understand it, etc.)

Read Matthew 6:5a

Discuss reasons why we don't pray more.

Discuss how group members feel/think about praying in public.

Why do you think that Jesus so strongly criticized the prayers of the religious elite?

Read Matthew 6:5b, Luke 18:9-12

What are some ways that we try to impress people with our prayers?

Why are the prayers of new Christians or children often so refreshing?

How do we know if we are trying to impress people with our prayers?

How does private prayer help us to be less concerned about impressing people with our public prayers?

Read Matthew 6:7

What are some examples of thoughtless prayers we pray?

What are some examples of manipulative prayers we pray?

Read Luke 11:9-10

What is the difference between manipulative prayers and persistent prayers?

Read Nehemiah 1:5-11

How does praying with God's sovereignty, goodness, and glory in mind help to keep our prayers properly focused?