

Kingdom and Prayer (Matthew 6:1-18)

CONNECT—Think of a fun-icebreaker question to ask. For example, would you rather have your feet replaced with flippers or your arms replaced with flippers and why?

DISCUSS

What most stood out to you from Justin's sermon this past week? What was one of your big takeaways?

What most stands out to you from the passage of Scripture? What confuses you?

Jesus emphasizes the importance of secrecy when it comes to some of our religious activities. Why? What are some ways that you have found yourself tempted to do spiritual thing for the "applause of man"?

Why do you think it is important for Christians to direct some of their giving toward those who are poor and needy?

Think of some ways that people today prayer like "the hypocrites." Think of some ways that people today prayer like "the Gentiles."

What is the significance of fasting for Christians?

Justin said that the Lord's Prayer shows us who we are praying to. What are some ways that we would pray differently if we remembered that God is "our Father who is in heaven"? Justin also said that the Lord's Prayer shows us 5 characteristics of Christian prayer. Have someone list those characteristics. Which characteristic is it most easy for you to ignore in your prayer life?

What is an attribute of God that most causes you to "hallow" or worship Him? Where do you find yourself most longing to see Jesus' Kingdom come? What is one thing that you are trusting the Lord to provide? Where is an area of your life where you need to remember the Gospel? Spend some time personally praying in light of these answers.

RELATE—Consider splitting into guys and girls for this section.

What has been your biggest spiritual highlight this week? What has been your biggest spiritual struggle this week? What is one action step that you are going to take this week in light of this discussion?

IMPACT (Invite, Engage, Share)

Have everyone share one person that they would like to invite to church or Life Group this week. Pray for those invitations.