MESSAGE APPLICATION GUIDE Matthew 6:5-9



APPLICATION

Pastor Ed began the sermon reminding us of 2 Chronicles 7:14 and January's sermon series "IF/THEN." As we enter the fall, how would you describe your prayer life? What makes it challenging to remain consistent in prayer?

Take a moment and read Matthew 6:5-9 out loud together. As you read the text, consider what word(s) the Holy Spirit is highlighting for you. What stood out to you in the passage and why?

As you look at the text, Jesus took time to explain how to pray to the disciples. What did he tell the disciples not to do in prayer? How does it fit with the verses before and after it? What is Jesus intending to communicate through this text regarding what prayer really is?

As we seek to apply this text to our lives this week, what would the application of these verses look like in your life? The prayer life of our group? Write it down and share it with the group.

As a church, we want to commit to doing something together this week. We want to respond to the Word of God in community. We are asking you to do two things:

Read one of the following Psalms five times this week.

Pastor Ed recommended one of these Psalms that ascribe glory to God: Psalms 24, 57, 96, or 126. Aim to write out the one the Psalm one time per day for up to 5 days; and after writing the Scripture each time, then pray it back to God. That's it!

Lord, Teach Us to Pray. Have a great week!