

WEEK 12 | MATTHEW 6:9-15

A BEAUTIFUL KINGDOM

As believers in Jesus Christ, and citizens of His Kingdom, we have the unique responsibility to reflect the glory of God to a watching world. In this series, we are studying Jesus's words in the Sermon on the Mount, considering what it means to flourish under His rule and reign, and live as His representatives where we work, live, and play. In chapter 6, Jesus addresses how our private motivations are connected to our public demonstrations of faith.

OTHER HELPFUL PASSAGES.

The following passages may be helpful as you consider this text.

- **Hebrews 4:16**
- **Philippians 4:6-7**

QUESTIONS.

Feel free to use any, all, or none of these questions as you facilitate your group. Their purpose is to be an aid to you as you consider how to teach the implications of this week's Scriptures.

1. Did the Holy Spirit use last week's passage or sermon to convict, challenge, or encourage you in any way? Did he use it to confirm or answer a prayer in any way? If you're willing, share with the group?
2. What does your prayer life look like? What kind of habits do you have? What are common times to pray? What subjects do you pray about?
3. How does the reality of God as Father impact your prayer life? Is it comforting or discouraging? Why?
4. How does remembering your standing as a beloved son or daughter affect your prayer life? What would it look like if you go to him with that understanding?
5. What are you repenting of today?
6. What change are you asking God to bring to this world?
7. What situations are you asking for God's leadership in?

PRAY TO CLOSE.

Consider fasting and praying as a group for one meal this week. Chose something specific to pray for.

- Pray through the Lord's prayer together.
- Praise God by highlighting certain attributes of God.
- Are there areas of your life or the city culture that you are asking for his kingdom to transform? Pray.
- Are there sins you need to repent of? Pray.
- Are there areas of your life you need provision? Pray.