

Week 9 Discussion Questions

1. Discuss reasons why believers don't pray:
 - a) (Example: too busy)
 - b)
 - c)
 - d)
2. Read Matthew 6:5-8. Jesus tells us how not to pray:

"Don't pray like the hypocrites" (vs. 5-6)
Share some examples of what this looks like.

"Don't pray like the heathen" (vs. 7-8), such as meaningless repetition.
Share some other examples.
3. Read Matthew 6:6. Discuss the importance of praying in secret (getting alone with God).
4. Discuss the elements of prayer: A-C-T-S

Adoration: praising God for who He is - Go through the "ABC's"

Example: God is almighty, God is big, God is caring, etc. (Finish the alphabet with character qualities of God)

Confession: 1 John 1:9; Ps. 66:8; Is. 59:2

Why is confession important?

Thanksgiving: 1 Thess 5:17; thank God for what He has done

Give examples: Physical blessings - eyes

Material blessings - phone

Spiritual blessings - Bible

People - my family

Trials - (James 1:2-4)

Supplication: Praying for others and praying for yourself

Take prayer requests and have one person in your group prayer

Verses about prayer:

Luke 18:1 2 Chronicles 7:14 Mark 1:35 1 John 5:14 Philippians 4:6

1 John 1:9 James 4:3 Psalm 66:18 James 5:16