

Dig Deeper @Home – “The Way of the Kingdom”
Complement to lesson on 9/29/24 – “Audience of One”

ICE BREAKER – Questions to open dialogue and learn more about those gathered

1. If you could start your own business, what would you do?
2. Share a time you tried to impress others. What did you do and how did it turn out?

MEMORIZE – Matthew 6:9-10

“This, then, is how you should pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.”

READ –Matthew 6: 1-18

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. Re-scan the text and consider...
 - a. What did the Holy Spirit draw your attention to as you read?
 - b. Is anything repeated? Contrasted? Compared? (If so... why might that be?)
 - c. What in these verses is interesting? What is confusing?
 - d. What are the verses revealing about God? What are the verses saying about people?
 - e. In light of these, what needs to change in your life? What are you already doing well?
2. According to Jesus, what makes a person a hypocrite?
 - a. In each case of a person being a hypocrite, what is their reward?
 - i. What about the reward is attractive?
 - ii. What draws you to this reward?
 - b. In each case of a person being a hypocrite, what greater/better reward are they missing out on?
 - i. How can you remind yourself of this truth?
3. Why is the Lord’s prayer put right in the middle of Jesus talking about what hypocrites do?

EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITY – Reciting the Lord’s Prayer

Start every day by saying the Lord’s prayer. Set a reminder and pray the Lord’s prayer every day at lunch. In the evening, say the Lord’s prayer again. Commit to this rhythm for an entire week. What changes or differences are you noticing in yourself as you pray in this way?

SING

The Great I AM - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D7HSYv203Co>

Living Hope - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9f2FXxDVO6w>

All Hail King Jesus - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cYPeWYx4qI>

The Lord Almighty Reigns - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5XYeDpNndR0>

PRAY

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us. In the Spirit of Matthew 6:10, pray also that God’s “kingdom come, (His) will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.”

Sending prayer based on the message:

Heavenly Father, may your Kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Holy Spirit, help me to live this out this week with You as my audience of one.