



Unreligious: Week 4 Be Careful How You Pray

BIG IDEA: Which is better, the praise of men or the favor of God?

TEACHING POINTS:

• Am I praying because I want something or because God is my friend?

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• Do I care about what the Father cares about?

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 6:5-13

OPENING QUESTIONS

- 1. Share a time when you have felt awkward praying out loud.
- 2. Give an example of an unreligious prayer.

IN THE WORD

- 1. Put Jesus' warning in Matthew 6:5 into your own words.
- 2. Why is what Jesus says in Matthew 6:6 so important?
- 3. Name some ways we can pray like Matthew 6:9.
- 4. How does Luke 10:41-42 help us understand what to be concerned about regarding prayer?
- 5. What does prayer look like based on the words of Matthew 6:10?

MAKING IT PERSONAL

- 1. Have you ever felt like you were praying a performance prayer? If so, what can you do to avoid it?
- 2. In what way does your prayer life indicate your desire to be God's friend?
- 3. How can your prayers reflect what God cares about?

CONTINUED LEARNING

Reflect on how Psalm 8 can help us in our prayer life.

) I WILL:

I will obey something from God's word in the next 24-48 hours.

) I'LL SHARE:

I will share, with either a believer or non-believer, what God is teaching me and what I'm learning.

Notes & Prayers

