

### SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

- Many Christians say that they wish they would pray more or that their prayer lives aren't what they want them to be. Do we just need to pray more? How does this passage change your mindset about prayer in general?
- In what areas of your life do you find that you can sometimes be like "the hypocrites" or "the Gentiles"? How can Jesus' insistence on pursuing heavenly rewards help correct these areas?
- Jesus makes a distinction in this passage about individual and corporate prayer. How do these aspects of prayer work together? Have you (or do you) regularly participate(d) in corporate prayer (i.e., prayer together with the church family)? Why or why not?
- Joe pointed out that all three persons of the Trinity are significantly involved (right now) in the ministry of prayer. How does this change your outlook or mentality toward prayer?
- Change it up this week—if you normally "just" pray spontaneous prayers to the Lord, find some written prayers to pray in your time with God. If you normally pray by rote/memorized prayers, try praying spontaneously. Be prepared to report back to your groups about your prayer week.

## NEW KINGDOM LIVING

JESUS' LIFE IN OURS

### FAMILY QUESTIONS

- Find a time this week that your family can have a dedicated time of praying "in secret" separately and then coming together as a family to pray. How did this change your mindset about prayer? What was different (if anything)?
- What kinds of rewards do we get when we're like the hypocrites or the Gentiles (vv. 5, 7)? Have you wanted those kinds of rewards before? What kinds of rewards does the Father give? How do you get those?
- If your Father "already knows what you need before you ask him" (v. 8), why pray at all?

### WEEKLY PRAYER

- Our Men & Women in Uniform
- Village of Hope, Zambia
- Rod Volland, Elder
- Deborah Wetzel, Counselor
- KZBabies Classes & Volunteers
- Cornerstone Church, Menasha
- Pray for those who do not yet have a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus. (Colossians 4:2-4)

### CROSS REFERENCES

- 2 Kings 4:33
- Proverbs 10:19
- Isaiah 26:20
- Matthew 5:16; 6:1-2, 32
- Luke 18:9-14
- Romans 8:26, 34

### SCRIPTURE MEMORY

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.  
**Romans 8:26 (ESV)**

### WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

In Christ Alone  
<https://youtu.be/16KYvflc2bE>  
Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me  
<https://youtu.be/zundjUFazfg>