

Message by John Johnson
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The Practice of Speaking to God
Matthew 6:5-13

Questions for Discussion:

1. Read the passage together. Jesus opens the topic with, "when you pray (do this)" What does he say to do and not do? What is your general response to these "how to's"?
2. Regarding personal prayer, Jesus speaks of what Pastor John calls "the Discipline of the Private." (vss. 5-6) Why is this important? How are we tempted to not exercise this discipline?
3. Matthew uses the word "reward" two times in verses 5-6. What are the two different rewards he refers to?
4. The Lord's Prayer shows us how to get Sequence right in prayer ("Thy" and "your" followed by "us" and "we." Where are these pronouns found in the passage and how does it help us to know how to pray?
5. What is the significance of being told to ask for "our daily bread?"
6. Explain verse 12 (re: trespasses).
7. What other ideas or observations do you have from the passage?