

## Sermon Discussion Guide - March 30, 2025 Walking with God: Intimacy with the Father

The sermon series "Walking with God" continues as we discover our motivations to pray.

- 1. If you could ask Jesus anything, what would it be?
  If you could ask Jesus to teach you to do one thing you saw him doing, what would that be? Why?
- 2. Read Luke 11:1-2 and Matthew 6:5-9
  - Why do you think people need to be taught how to pray?
  - Do you think that most people pray in some way naturally, or is it a foreign concept?
- 3. Two "positions" that people pray from are the Performer (hypocrite) and the Manipulator (Gentiles/pagans).
  - The Performer is just trying to impress people and the Manipulator is trying to just get what he wants from God.
  - Which of these do you most struggle with? Why?
- 4. The third position that Jesus tells us to pray from is a Child, praying to their Father.
  - Is praying to God as Father an easy thing for you or a hard thing? Why?
  - What are the main differences between praying as a performer, a manipulator and a child?
- 5. Read Galatians 3:26, 4:4-7 and Romans 8:15-17
  - What does it mean for you that when you received Jesus as Lord and Savior, that He shares His position of Son with us?
  - What are areas in your life where you still think and live like a slave (trying to earn acceptance by your religious performance or enslaved by sin)? What would repentance look like in your life?
  - What do these verses say about being a son of God? What does that matter?
- 6. How can your group pray for and support you in light of today's discussion?