

STUDY GUIDE

Matthew 6:5-18

“Kingdom Recognition”

- 1) What are some of the things people desire attention and recognition for?
Why do people so often seek the attention and recognition of others?
- 2) How have you seen people parading their religiosity around for others to see?
How have you seen that happen in your own life?
- 3) Why is it important that prayer be done in private?
How can our public praying be God-centered rather than self-centered?
- 4) In what ways do you see The Lord’s Prayer as being a God-centered prayer?
- 5) Which of these requests in The Lord’s Prayer is the easiest for you to pray? Why?
Which is the most difficult for you to pray? Why?
- 6) How does prayer draw us closer to God?
- 7) Why is it important that fasting be a private matter between God and ourselves?
How does fasting draw us away from self?
- 8) In light of this passage and study, how do you need prayer in your praying and fasting?

*And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.
- Matthew 6:6b & 18b*