

## THE KING SPEAKS

*a Study in the Sermon On The Mount* | Discussion Guide

Week 9 – November 11

When You Pray| Matthew 6:5-13

### Introduction

“We must pause before we speak in prayer. There is a sense in which every man when he begins to pray to God should put his hand upon his mouth. I know the difficulty in this. We are human, and we are pressed by the urgency of our position, the cares, the anxieties, the troubles, the anguish of mind. And we are so full of that, like children, we start speaking at once. But, if you want to make contact with God, and if you want to feel his everlasting arms about you, just stop for a moment and remind yourself of what you are about to do.”

D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones

Read Matthew 6:5-13 and 7:7-12 before answering this week’s questions.

### Questions for Study

1. What are your earliest memories of prayer? Is there anyone in your years growing from childhood to adulthood who was a significant model for you when it comes to prayer?
2. What about the Lord’s Prayer? What’s been your experience with this prayer throughout your life?
3. What would you say are your biggest questions about prayer?
4. What are your greatest challenges with praying?

This week’s study can be divided into three sections. The following questions deal with each section: (Don’t rush answering these questions. Give plenty of time to thoroughly think through your answers.)

5. What do you learn about ‘how’ to pray in verses 5-8?
6. What do you learn about ‘what’ to pray in verses 9-13?
7. What do you think Jesus was teaching by his ‘ask’, ‘seek’ and ‘knock’ in verse 7 of chapter 7?
8. What promise are we given in this 7<sup>th</sup> verse? What does Jesus base this promise on in verses 9-12?
9. Are there any changes you will make to your prayer life as a result of this passage? If yes, what are those changes?