

**SIMPLE PRAYERS**  
**MATTHEW 6:7-8**  
**2/11/24**

**I. BAD PRACTICE EXPOSED**

*Matthew 6:7 - "And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do..."*

~ Jesus pointed to an example in the current culture when explaining what prayer should be like.

**II. BAD REASONING EXPOSED**

*Matthew 6:7 - "...for they think that they will be heard for their many words."*

~ Cultural norms have the potential to impact us in 2 different ways:

**A. The way we think**

**B. The way we behave**

**III. BAD BELIEF EXPOSED**

*Matthew 6:8 - "...for your Father knows what you need before you ask him."*

"Prayer is not informing God of something He does not already know. Nor is prayer seeking to get God to change His mind. It is the adoring submission of the creature to the Creator, of the disciple to the Master." - Michael Green

## COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What did you think about the sermon this week? What stood out?
2. Over the last month how has your prayer life changed? Explain.
3. What activities/practices in your life can sometimes take priority over your commitment to God?
4. How do you pray for the world around us? Why?
5. How do you personally “take every thought captive to obey Christ”?
6. How does believing God knows what we need effect your life?
7. Share with group some needs in your life that God has met throughout the years.