**Week 1 – Teach us to Pray – Privately**

*Sermon-based Growth Group Questions*

**Introductory Discussion:**

What was "the takeaway" (the most important point) from Sunday's sermon and/or the sermon text, in your opinion?

What insight from Sunday's sermon did you find most helpful, or eye-opening, or troubling (pick any or all of the above)?

**Read Matthew 6:5-8**

**Discussion:**

1. What do you remember from your childhood about prayer? What were you taught to pray? By whom?

2. What did Jesus tell his disciples to avoid in prayer? How do hypocrisy and verbosity go together? How does each diminish prayer?

3. If our Father knows what we need before we ask (v.8), why do we need to pray?

4. What bad habits have you acquired in prayer?

5. How can you experience a "break through" in prayer? Will this take more time? More words? More forgiveness? More closet space?

**Prayer:** Take time to pray together as a group.