

# Re-Radicalized

## Devotional on the Sermon on the Mount

Week 3

### Day 11

Praise (Reflect on what you're grateful for from your weekend with the Lord)

Read the text: Matthew 6:5-6

Ask questions & interpret the context:

- Maybe instead of prayer, has there been another reason you have found yourself trying to look good in front of others to get all the praise?
- What do you see the difference is between what Jesus was accusing Jewish religious leaders of and praying in front of a crowd, but staying focused on Jesus?
- Where can you go daily to get alone with God in prayer?

Summarize: Now take a moment to go back and pour over your observations as well as your responses to the questions.

Engage with God: Bring your thoughts, questions, and desire for change to the Lord for his forgiveness, wisdom, correction, guidance, and direction.

#### Extra Questions To Consider

1. What is the Lord saying to you personally?
2. What do you need to pray about?
3. With whom does the Lord want you to share this devotional?
4. Who has the Lord placed on your heart to pray for and invite to church?

#### Digging Deeper

- Keep in mind that the Jewish religious leaders did not appose prayer. They simply used it to gain personal attention. Why do you suppose the Jewish religious leaders were so bent on getting attention in many ways, including praying in public?
- Why do you suppose we all crave attention from others?
- How do you see pride being an issue here with the Jewish religious leaders? (James 4:6, 10)
- If you were called on to pray for a group of friends, classmates or co-workers, to whom do you believe your attention should be focused on? Why?
- Determine a specific location to pray daily in order to form a habit.
- Here are 9 verses that speak to ushering in the presence of God: Isaiah 50:4; Jeremiah 33:3; Psalm 46:10, 42:1-2, 84:1-2, 27:8; James 4:8; Hebrews 10:19-22.