

Re-Radicalized

Devotional on the Sermon on the Mount

Week 3

Day 12

Praise (Reflect on what you're grateful for from DAY 11 with the Lord)

Read the text: Matthew 6:7-8

Ask questions & interpret the context:

- What do you think the difference is between saying a pre-written prayer over and over again and a prayer that you continue to meditate on it over and over again?
- How many times have you said or heard the same prayer at dinnertime?
- How do you suppose follower of Jesus should approach pre-written prayers like the Lord's 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

- How do you keep your mind from wandering away from God during your prayer time?
- How might Romans 8:26 be a proper response to this first question?
- What can a follower of Jesus do to continue growing in his/her prayer life in order to keep from just saying the same prayers over and over again and losing it's significance?
- Consider committing the following Psalms to memory and you meditate on them and incorporate them into your prayer life: Psalms 4, 8, 22, 32, 42, 51 and 91).
- Now it's important to ask why you think it's still of great value to be a person of prayer even though God already knows what you are going to pray about? (Consider: Matthew 7:7; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; John 14:13; Psalms 66:18-19; Romans 8:29; James 4:2)