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**Matthew 6:1–14 “Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven. <sup>2</sup> “Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. <sup>3</sup> But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup> so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. <sup>5</sup> “And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. <sup>6</sup> But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. <sup>7</sup> “And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. <sup>8</sup> Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. <sup>9</sup> Pray then like this: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. <sup>10</sup> Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. <sup>11</sup> Give us this day our daily bread, <sup>12</sup> and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. <sup>13</sup> And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. <sup>14</sup> For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you,**

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### **Experiencing The Father’s blessing**

**Not Living a superficial spiritual life**

**Seeking & being seen by Your Father**

**Praying faithfully to the Father**

*How does Jesus feel about public displays of piety?*

*What are the dangers of these public displays?*

*Why do you think Jesus refers to “your Father who is in secret”?*

*What does it mean that “Your Father sees us..”?*



*How does the fact that God knows us and notices, help us live more faithfully?*

*How does Jesus emphasize the quality of our prayer life in comparison to our quantity of prayer life?*

*How does the Lord's prayer widen our prayer life from just "Hey God please give me this?"*



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**\*\*\* Christ promised Pentecost: Ministry of Jesus Holy Spirit, Christ baptized the church with the Holy Spirit, Empowered the Apostles**

**Luke 24:44–49** Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

### **God’s Word propels us in the gospel**

**God’s Word fulfilled in Christ**

**God’s Word reveals His redemption**

**God’s Word calls us to mission**

**Why would the resurrected Jesus spend time directing the disciples to the Word of God?**

**How does Christ connect the Old & New Testaments?**

**Augustine wrote in the AD 400’s said , "The New Testament is concealed in the Old, and the Old Testament is revealed in the New"—how does that apply in this passage?**

**Jesus is the center of God’s message. How does this impact our interpretation of the Bible?**

**Do you sense a need to for Christ to help you understand the scriptures? How does Christ open our minds to the scriptures?**

**How does the Holy Spirit and being a witness go together in verses 48-49? See Acts 1:8  
“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”**