**Prayer Life**

**Week 1: Matthew 6:5-14**

Beginning Truths:

* The Lord is calling us to be a **praying** people.
  + **Desire** for God is the **heart** of prayer.

Four Points of Prayer:

1. Ask God for His **glory**.
   1. We are literally asking God to **hallow** his name.
   2. God causes his name to be **holy** in our lives.
      1. He is the **sovereign** father.
      2. He is the **holy** one.
      3. He is the **coming** king.
   3. Father, make this known in my **life**.
   4. Father, make this known in all the **world**.
2. Ask God for His **gifts**.
   1. We are designed to be fully **dependent** on God.
      1. God is our only source of **sustenance** and **satisfaction**.
   2. Father, guard our hearts against **self-sufficiency**.
3. Ask God for His **grace**.
   1. We are in **constant** need for forgiveness.
      1. We must experience his forgiveness **continually**.
      2. We must experience his forgiveness **specifically**.
   2. Once we experience his forgiveness, we are compelled to **extend** forgiveness to others.
   3. Father, help us to extend **grace** in the same way that you extended it to us.
4. Ask God for His **guidance**.
   1. We need to understand that we are a people prone to **sin**.
      1. We are **powerless** against temptation.
   2. Father, **protect** us from temptation.
   3. Father, help us **persevere** when temptation comes.