

## Connex Group Workbook - Session 4 – The Lord’s Prayer Continued

Matthew 6:5-8

5 ... when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to pray [publicly] standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets so that they may be seen by men. I assure you *and* most solemnly say to you, they [already] have their reward in full. <sup>6</sup> But when you pray, go into your most private room, close the door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees [what is done] in secret will reward you. <sup>7</sup> “And when you pray, do not use meaningless repetition as the Gentiles do, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. <sup>8</sup> So do not be like them [praying as they do]; for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him

### Discussion Questions:

- Who is Jesus addressing in this teaching, and what is the significance of His audience?
- How does public prayer differ from private prayer in the context of these verses?
- What did the pharisees hope to gain in their praying publicly?
- What was Jesus’s response to this in scripture, and what did He mean?
- In contrast, what is Jesus inviting us into?
- V8 says the Father knows what we need before we ask Him. How should this understanding shape the way we approach prayer?



### Writing Prompts:

Where is your private place? \_\_\_\_\_

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How often do you visit it? \_\_\_\_\_

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What time do you plan to arrive and leave the private place? \_\_\_\_\_

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What do you need to let go of (temporarily put aside) to ‘fully enter into prayer?’ \_\_\_\_\_

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What is your biggest obstacle to consistent, private and from the heart time with God? \_\_\_\_\_

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