

## **YPG III**

**13 October 2018**

Theme: Discipleship

Text: Matthew 6: 1 – 15, Matthew 7: 7 – 12

Title: "Foundations – Prayer"

### **CORRECTING WRONG IDEAS OF PRAYER**

1. Wrong ideas of prayer
  - a. Hypocrites (Matthew 6: 5)
  - b. Prayer to be seen by men (Matthew 6: 5)
2. Wrong habits
  - a. Vain repetition (Matthew 6: 7)
  - b. Using many words (Matthew 6: 7)

### **CULTIVATING A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD**

1. Consciousness of God as heavenly Father
  - a. He sees in secret (Matthew 6: 4, 6, 18)
  - b. He will reward openly
2. Commitment to time with our heavenly Father in prayer
  - a. Private prayer (Matthew 6: 6)
    - i. Go into your room
    - ii. Shut your door
    - iii. Pray to your Father who is in the secret place
  - b. Example of the Lord Jesus (cf. Mark 1: 35)
3. Closeness to God
  - a. Our concerns are known to God (Matthew 6: 8)
  - b. We are concerned for the things that matter to our heavenly Father (Matthew 6: 9, 10)
    - i. His name

ii. His kingdom

iii. His will

**CHALLENGE TO APPLY – A.S.K.**

Matthew 7: 7 – 12

1. Valid
2. Important
3. The basis is our relationship with God as heavenly Father!
4. How?
  - a. Ask
  - b. Seek
  - c. Knock
5. God will give good things to those who ask Him!