

Matthew 6:1, 5-9a

July 12, 2026

Discussion Questions

Opening

1. Welcome each person by name
2. Ask each person to briefly introduce themselves if they have not done so
3. Then invite each person to give one word (or two) to describe how they are feeling right now
4. Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide your discussion

Warm-up Questions (optional)

Share a prayer you've had answered

Share a prayer you've not had answered

Reading

1. Invite one person to read through Matthew 6:1, 5-9a slowly
2. Invite another person to read through Matthew 6:1, 5-9a slowly
3. Invite another person to read through Matthew 6:1, 5-9a slowly
4. Give the group 2 minutes to reflect silently on the Matthew 6:1, 5-9a
5. Invite the group together to read through all of Matthew 6:1, 5-9a loud (even if in different translations!)

Discussion: Feel free to select one or two or more questions

- What word or phrase do you notice from Matthew 6:1, 5-9a?
- If we're saved by grace (Ephesians 2:8-9), why are "rewards" cited in this passage (Matthew 6:1, 5, 6)?
- Would the charge of "hypocrites" be appropriate to Christians in Boston today? Why or why not?
- How might it be possible to "go into your room and shut the door and pray" yet still be a hypocrite?
- What experience in the past month have you had with your Heavenly Father?
- What are the pros/ cons of written prayers?
- Do you ever feel uncomfortable praying with others? Why? Why not?
- How do you talk about your heavenly Father with people whose earthly fathers did not model care and compassion?

Prayer: 15 minutes before the end of the meeting

- Invite people to share specific areas of praise or thanksgiving to the Lord
- Invite people to share particular prayer needs

- Invite people to pray openly
- Close with the Lord's Prayer together