## STUDY GUIDE: "How To Pray"

## **Discussion Starters**

- 1. What position do you normally assume (physically) when you pray?
- 2. Name a "rule" most people believe applies to prayer.

## **Study**

To complete the next section of the study guide, you will need to use a Bible Dictionary. Remember, the words listed below are from the NASU, but the word you are trying to define is the Greek or Hebrew word translated by the NASU—NOT the English word. If you have any questions about how to use these tools, contact your group leader or one of the pastoral staff.

3. Define the following words or terms.

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--"hypocrites" (Matthew 6:5)—
--"stand" (Matthew 6:5)—
--"Hallowed" (Matthew 6:9)—
--"will" (Matthew 6:10)—
--"evil" (Matthew 6:13)—
--"ask" (Mark 11:24)—
--"fell" (Mark 14:35)—
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- 4. Choose one of the words you looked up above, and write how understanding the meaning and background of that word better helped you understand this passage.
- 5. Does Jesus say we can't pray in public? Please explain from scripture.

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| 6.          | How do you know what ou are praying isn't "meaningless"?  |
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| 7.<br>10)?  | If our Father knows what we need before we ask, why does Jesus tell us to be persistent (Luke 11:5-   |
| 8.          | What does "Hallowed be your name" mean?   |
| 9.<br>perso | Read the following passages. What do each of the positions in these passages indicate about how the on is praying? (Matthew 6:5; Mark 14:35; Luke 22:41; 1 Timothy 2:8) |
| Tak         | ing It Home   |
| 10.         | What misonceptions have you had about how to pray?  |
| 11.         | How do you change the way you pray?   |
| 12.         | What changes do you need to make in how you pray?   |