5 Essential Ingredients: PRAYER - Matthew 6:5-13

Be <u>alone</u> with God in prayer.
Be <u>honest</u> with God in prayer.
Be <u>deliberate</u> with God in prayer.

Questions for Discussion & Application

- 1. What questions do you have from today's passage?
- 2. What is prayer?
- 3. Why is prayer so essential to a growing relationship with God?
- 4. According to John 16:24, when prayers are answered it brings us great joy. How have you experienced answered prayers? Did these answered prayers increase the joy in your relationship with God?
- 5. According to Philippians 4:6-7, trusting God in prayer will lead to peace. Why is this the case? How have you experienced this in your own life?
- 6. What aspects of Jesus' teaching on prayer in Matthew 6 are most challenging to you? Why?
- 7. What specific changes will you make to strengthen your own prayer life?