



**Week 2**

**The Secret Place**

**Main Text:** Luke 11:1; Matthew 6:5-13

**Before You Begin:** Is there a model you have been taught regarding prayer?

**Discussion Questions:**

1. **Read Luke 11:1.**
2. Have you ever longed for someone to teach you how to pray? Why?
3. Do you find prayer difficult or easy? Why?
4. **Read Matthew 6:5-6**
5. Why is praying privately important? Does this mean that you can never pray publicly? What was wrong with the “hypocrites” attitude of prayer?
6. How might praying in a private place help you in your prayer life? Do you have such a place? Where might such a place be?
7. **Read Matthew 6:7-8**
8. Have you ever felt like you had to pray with a lot of words, or a lot of specific words in order to be heard by God? Where do you think that feeling came from?
9. What is Jesus teaching us about prayer here?
10. If your father knows what you need, then why do you need to ask?
11. **Read Matthew 6:9-13**
12. How have people taught you the Lord’s prayer before?
13. Jeremy said that the Lord’s prayer is couched in worship (See Like 11:2-4 as well). Why do you think worship is a part of prayer?
14. How difficult is it to pray for the desires of your heart, while submitting to God’s will?
15. What are some insights about prayer that you have gotten from these texts?

**Next Steps:**

1. Find a secret place for prayer.
2. Develop some habits and/or routines that will help you in your prayer life.