



Jesus taught us that God is our Father. This week, we'll learn about talking to God in prayer.

Living for God

Matthew 6



Day 1

Learn the Truth

1. *Review:* Were you able to show mercy to someone who had mistreated you? How was that experience for you?

2. In Matthew 6, Jesus taught His disciples how to pray. Do you pray regularly? This week, try to spend a few minutes talking to God in prayer each day. Share with your Core Group how you are doing.

God's Word for the Week



Giving—Matthew 6:1-4

Day 2

"But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."
Matthew 6:20-21

1. What does Jesus warn us not to do in verse 1? What is the result if we do?

2. Verse 2 refers to hypocrites. Use your Matthew Dictionary to define **hypocrite**.

3. Why do hypocrites give? (verse 2)

4. How should we give? (verse 4) What is the result of doing that?

Prayer and Fasting—Matthew 6:5-18

Write God's Word for the Week: Matthew 6:20-21.

1. How do the hypocrites pray?

2. How does Jesus tell us we should pray in verse 6?

3. What does Jesus say we should not do when we pray? (verse 7)

4. Verse 9 says, "Hallowed be your name." **Hallowed** means "holy." What did Jesus tell us to ask for in verses 10-13?

5. According to verses 14-15, what must we do for God to forgive our sins?

Treasure in Heaven—Matthew 6:19-24

Write God's Word for the Week: Matthew 6:20-21.

1. Where should we not store up treasures?

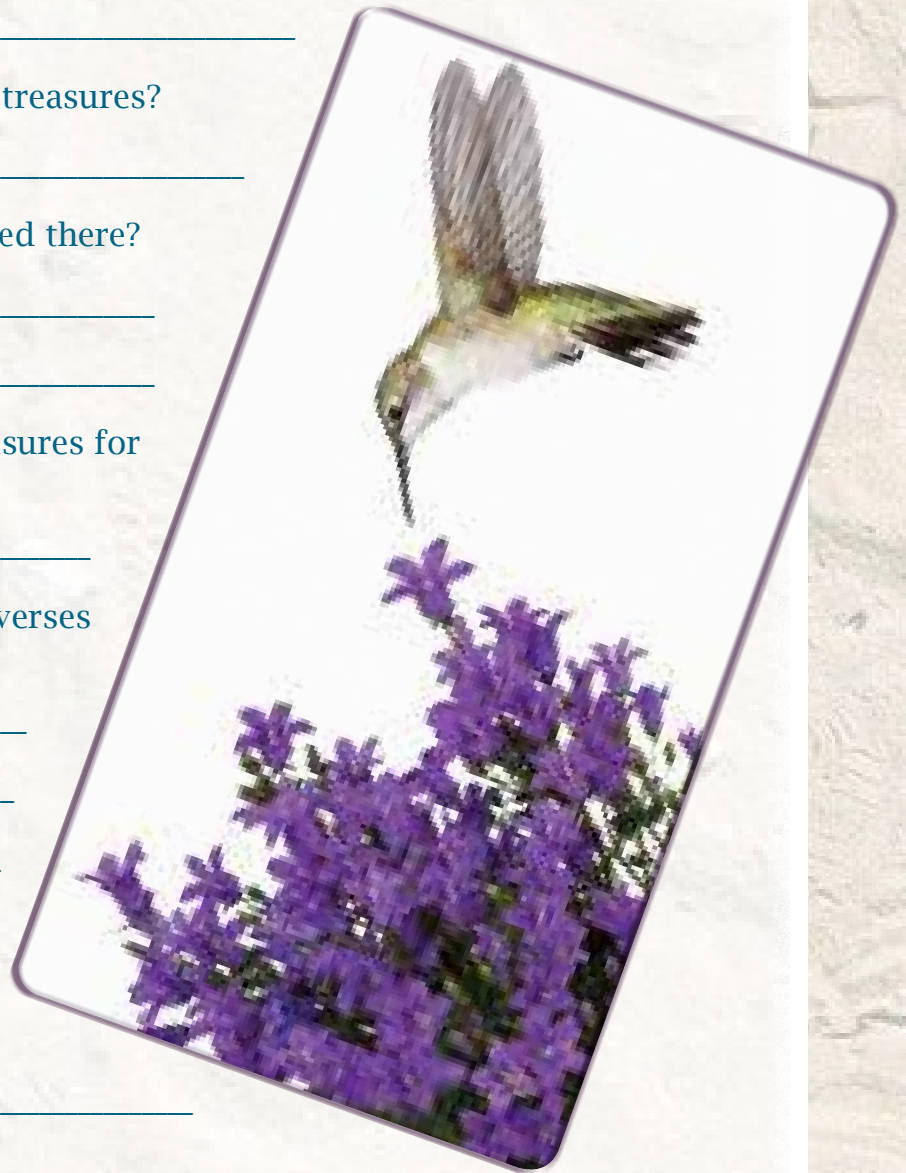
2. What happens to treasure stored there?

3. Where should we store up treasures for ourselves?

4.* Tell in your own words what verses 19-20 mean to you.

5. What basic truth do we learn from verse 21?

6. Verse 24 tells us that we can serve only one of two masters. What are the two masters we must choose between?



Don't Worry—Matthew 6:25-34

Write God's Word for the Week: Matthew 6:20-21.

1. To be **anxious** means "to worry." What illustration does Jesus use to tell us we don't need to worry about food?

2. What example does Jesus give to tell us we don't need to worry about clothes?

3. What does Jesus tell us to do instead of worry? (verse 33)

Grow



Do you worry about having friends or making the team? What are you tempted to worry about? Jesus doesn't want us to worry. He takes care of the birds and flowers and promises to take care of us. Will you talk to God about things that worry you? Thank Him for the ways He takes care of you and ask Him to help you trust Him to continue.
