

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The following questions help us dialog with the sermon, music, and liturgy in this morning's worship service. Together, these elements provide space for reflection and prayer during personal devotions, group studies, and family worship.

1. What are the ways in which Jesus instructs His listeners *not* to pray?
2. Why did He call the Pharisees hypocrites?
3. What motivated the Pharisees and the pagans to pray the way they did?
4. What does their method of praying reveal about their understanding of God?
5. How might their patterns of prayer exist in our lives as well?
6. In this passage what is most important for us to understand about who we are praying to?
7. How might you pray differently this week as a result of learning how *not* to pray?