



CHURCH OF THE  
**Good Shepherd**

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**Sermon Discussion Questions: Matthew 6:5-8**

- **Where do you see the temptation to “wear a mask” in your spiritual life—especially in prayer?**
- How does Jesus’ warning about hypocritical prayer challenge or convict you personally?
- **Jesus says, “Your Father knows what you need before you ask him.”**
- How does that truth affect the way you think about prayer? Does it bring comfort, or raise questions?
- **Have you ever fallen into the trap of praying “to be seen” (like the hypocrite) or praying “to be heard” by a distant force (like the Gentile)?**
- What are some signs that prayer has become more about performance or manipulation than relationship?
- **Jesus invites us to go into a quiet room and shut the door.**
- What would it take, practically, for you to create that kind of space in your life? What gets in the way?
- **The sermon mentioned that all of us are “looking for a face that is looking for us.”**
- How does knowing God as Father reshape our search for meaning, validation, and love?