**Ice Breaker Question:**
With Valentine's Day being this past Sunday, how did you show or receive love this week?

In your home groups, love can be actions of love or grace towards anyone, not just romantic love.

**Read and discuss this week's scripture [Matthew 6:1-18].**
1. Jesus tells his followers to let their light shine – so that others may see their good deeds (Matt. 5:16), and then in this passage tells his followers to practice prayer and giving privately. Is there a contradiction? Why or why not?
2. Jesus tells his followers that those who do things very publicly (praying, fasting, giving) get their reward in public – the applause of others. Those who do those acts in secret receive their reward from God the Father. What do you think the reward from God looks like?
3. Why does Jesus make his example of prayer (The Lord's Prayer) so simple? Do you find prayer easy or difficult? How do you pray?
4. From what you have studied in the Sermon on the Mount, what do you understand it to mean when Jesus says, "Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven?"
5. Matthew 6:12 says, “And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.” What is the relationship between forgiving others and being forgiven yourself?
6. Have you ever fasted from food? If you have, what was your experience? If not, why not?

**Homework:**
Close your group this week by praying the Lord's Prayer. Make the Lord's Prayer part of your daily prayers this week and report back to your group what that was like.

**Prayer:**
Keep the following prayer requests from our church family in mind as you close:
- Prayers of healing for Harry Milli, Phil Carr, Hadley Lehr, and Cheryl Gates.
- Prayers of comfort for Amy Miller in the death of her brother and the Hopwood family in the death of Eric's mother.