



Prayer... going public (pt. 1)

“The Lord says; “These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship of me is based on merely human rules they have been taught.”

- Isaiah 29:13

Warm-Up: Talk about how it is possible to repeat words in prayer (and worship) to God without truly participating in their meaning.

Read Isaiah 29:1-22

- Describe your initial thoughts and reactions to this passage. What jumps out at you the most?
- If **lip service** is saying **yes** with our mouth but saying **no** in our heart and by our actions, when are we most guilty of that?
- What do we replace for prayer and worship besides our lip service?

Read Matthew 6:5-8

- What do you think was lacking in the prayer patterns of Jesus’ day?
- Why do you think Jesus began his teaching on prayer here with negative models?
- What approach do you feel Jesus preferred
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Wrap-up: What is the difference between repetition and perseverance?

Pray for one another.

For personal accountability: Are you looking forward to making a personal commitment to 30 days of prayer (July 15 – Aug. 15)?

If you are would you please text Don @ (432) 889-6255? Thanks and have a great week in prayer.