



“ R E A D Y  
T O F A C E T H E  
W O R L D ”

31 MARCH 2019  
**MATTHEW 6:5-15**

## Ready to Face the World

*“Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart”*  
1 Samuel 16:7b

## It's NOT a Performance

*“And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites.... **to be seen** by men.” (v.5)*

## Going deeper with God

*“...go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is **unseen**.” (v.6)*

See also: Psalm 19

*“Your Father, **who sees** what is done in secret will reward you.”*

6:4 – Giving

6:6 – Praying

6:18 – Fasting

## No impressive words (v.7-8)

## A taste of what's to come

"Give us today our **daily** bread" (v.11)

## Changing our Hearts

- forgiving '**debts**' (v.12)

See also: Matthew 18:21

- forgiving '**trespasses**' (v.14, 15)

## Lead us... (v.13)

See also: Luke 22:31-33, 45

Conversation starter:  
*Do you have a 'go-to' place for prayer?*



“ R E A D Y  
T O F A C E T H E  
W O R L D ”

31 MARCH 2019  
**MATTHEW 6:5-15**

## Growth group questions

You'll find it helpful to have heard the talk; have a listen at [bit.ly/hsbctalks](http://bit.ly/hsbctalks)

*Some of these questions are personal and others are more general. Feel free to pick and choose which questions your group will find most helpful.*

### 1. **Read Matthew 6: 5-8.**

- What do you find the most difficult about praying?
- Do you find it more difficult praying on your own or in groups? Why?
- How might Jesus want to gently challenge us?

### 2. **Read verse 11.**

- What do you think it means to ask for our 'daily bread'?
- How might God's provision be a foretaste of the Kingdom yet to come?
- Why ask God to give **'us'...** **'our'** daily bread, if we're alone in a room?

### 3. **Read the Parable of the Unmerciful Servant (Matt 18:21-35).**

- If we refuse to forgive other people when they 'trespass' against us or owe us a 'debt', what might it say about our hearts and our relationship with God? How might it be damaging?

**If possible, try to watch** the Youtube video **'Lord, Lord'** by **One time blind** at <http://bit.ly/LordLord>. You can also find it on the church's Facebook and Twitter pages, at [facebook.com/hsbchurch](https://facebook.com/hsbchurch) and [twitter.com/hockliffesbc](https://twitter.com/hockliffesbc)

**4. Read verse 12-15.** How might regularly praying to God prepare us for the challenges we face in this world?

***Spend some time praying over any of the challenges these questions have raised or highlighted for you. Why not come as a Growth Group to the next church prayer meeting – Monday 8 April, 8-9pm?***