

Look Back:

- What steps did you take to understand what is driving you right now? What did you learn about “why” you have been doing things?

Look Up:

Read : Matthew 6:1-18

- Why do you think Jesus repeatedly tells His audience what “not” to do? What do these warnings have in common?
- How do the 3 different “when you” activities represent ways of exercising our faith? Which one of these is easy or challenging for you? Why?
- What did Jesus say should be our motivation for doing good deeds in Matthew 5:16? How does this relate to His teaching about giving, praying and fasting?
- What do these verses say about people? About God?

Read : Matthew 6:5-18 in different translations

- Who is this primary focus of the prayer that Jesus gives us in this passage? What is this prayer focused on? How is this prayer different from others? Why?
- How easy is it for you to personalize this prayer? Which parts are challenging for you to understand or pray? Why do you think you feel this way?
- What does it mean for someone to pray that God’s kingdom will come and His will be done *in my life and in this moment*? What role do we play in helping make this happen?
- How is Jesus’ “if you” statement different from the “when you” statements? Why do you think Jesus said “if” you forgive instead of “when”?

Overall (Discovery Bible Study)

- What do these scriptures say about God?
- What do they say about people?
- How will I apply this to my life?

Look Ahead

What is currently motivating (or limiting) your acts of worship - good deeds, giving, praying and fasting?

How will you better maximize these powerful tools of faith?