

Shut the Door

Main Scripture: Matthew 6:5-8

Additional Scriptures: Hebrews 4:16

Discussion Questions

- Before Jesus told us *what* to pray, he told us *where* to pray. What does this mean for you? Do you have a “secret place” to meet with God?
- *Shutting the door guards you from hypocrisy.* What did Pastor Mike mean by this? Do you agree?
 - Have you been in any situations where you feel tempted to impress or please others with your prayers?
- Pastor Mike said, “If something is on your lips, but not in your heart, it never does any good.” Do you agree?
- *Shutting the door saves you from the complexity of life.* What exactly does this mean?
 - If your life is always plugged in to the world, you could very well train your soul out of hearing the Lord’s voice the way you need to. Do you agree with this?
- *Shutting the door leads you to your Father.* What did Pastor Mike mean by this? What does this look like?
 - God wants to manifest His Fatherhood to you. What does this mean?
 - And what would it look like if we felt about God the way Isaiah felt about his dad... if we wanted all of our friends to talk to and meet Him?

Application

- Pastor Mike said, “Don’t just give Jesus quality time, but give Him *unique* time!” How will you structure things to give Jesus some unique time? And what does unique time with Jesus look like for you?
- How can we start approaching our Father more in confidence, knowing that we have all access as His children, just like Isaiah felt with Pastor Mike?