

Bold and Powerful  
Week's reading: OPEN  
Discussion Guide: August 27, 2023

**CHECK UP:**

Memory work: Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. - Acts 4:29

Did you pray any bold prayers this past week?

**OPEN:**

- Who did you B.L.E.S.S. this past week? What action steps did you take?
  - o How did you live bold and powerful this past week?
- ~~—What stood out to you from this past week's reading?~~
- ~~o—What questions do you have?~~

**READ and ASK: Matthew 6:5-15**

- What stood out from Sunday's sermon?
- How would you summarize some of the key components of how Jesus teaches us to pray?
- How do the prayers in the book of Acts follow Jesus' model prayer?
- If the majority of Christians prayers were like what we see in the book of Acts and like Jesus taught us to pray, how do you think the church would look differently?
  - o How do you think most churches pray well?
  - o How do you think most churches fall short of what Jesus intended for prayer?

**APPLY:**

- What challenged you most from Sunday's sermon and/or from this text?
  - o What action step do you need to take?
  - o NEXT STEP: What is one way in which you could pray more faithfully this week?

Memory Work:

This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. - Matthew 6:9-10

Next Week's Reading:

Acts 4:32-5:11