Hook - Getting to know one another

* *How is everyone doing this week? Add other questions to get to know one another, especially ones related to the topic in the sermon.*
* What feelings come to mind when you think about prayer?
* On a scale from 1-10, how do you feel about your prayer life? (10 being the highest)

Book - Scripture

* *Read the scripture passages and discuss to understand* ***what the text is saying****:*
* *Read Matthew 6: 5-13*
* What does Jesus say about prayer in this passage?
* What are the specific instructions he gives for prayer?
* What do we learn about God’s Character in this passage?

Look - Connections to our world today

* *This section focuses on implications about* ***what this text means*** *about what’s wrong in the world, about trusting God, about who God is, etc.*
* Based on this passage, what do you think the purpose of prayer is?
* Why do you think we pray even though God already knows our requests?
* What is the benefit of being alone for prayer?

Took - Personal Application

* *This application focuses on* ***how God is calling us to respond****. This could be personally, as a family, small group, or church. It could be something to believe, to meditate on, to say or do this week.*
* Before this sermon/small group what did you think the purpose of prayer was?
  + Has that changed since reading the passage/listening to the sermon? How?
* If you are someone who prays, what does that look like?
  + In light of this passage, how is God inviting you to reshape your prayer life?
* What gets in the way of having a deep and meaningful prayer life?
  + - What realistic practical steps can you take to create a regular practice of prayer?
* What needs do you have that you want or have been taking to God in prayer? Spend some time praying together as a small group?

Time of Prayer