

### **GROW GROUP QUESTIONS**

**Announcement:** Please begin asking the Lord how He would like you to give financially as we step into what is **Next** at Bethany

#### **Example Topical Prayer Guide sample using “PRAY”:**

**P – Praise** for the work he has been doing in Bethany and the community.

**R – Repent** of the times we have lost focus on God’s call on us as a church for the things we want our church to be.

**A – Ask** for a deeper hunger for His presence, not just His provision, in this season.

**Y – Yield** Your will to His in your life, your group, and our church as we seek him.

#### **NEXT Discussion Questions:**

**NOTE: Leaders, please take some time to discuss NEXT with your group.**

- What’s your understanding of “One Fund”?
- How does focusing our giving on a single unified fund help our church better respond to God’s calling through our giving?
- As we approach **Commitment Sunday**, how can you prepare your heart to respond out of faith and intimacy with God rather than pressure or guilt?

**Ice Breaker:** What’s one place or situation where you find it easiest to talk with God?

#### **Going Deeper in The Sermon – Read Aloud Matthew 6:5–18**

- What does it mean for you personally to “go into your inner room” with God this week?
- We were warned about “*pretentious prayer*” and “*manufactured worship*.” Where do you see this tendency in Christian culture—or in your own heart?
- What are practical ways we can pursue humility and authenticity in worship, prayer, or service?
- Jesus teaches us to pray, “*Your kingdom come, your will be done.*” How does this phrase reshape the way we think about our wants, goals, or even church projects like NEXT?
- What does it reveal about the kind of citizens we are in the Upside-Down Kingdom?

#### **Application**

- How might you make prayer or fasting a regular rhythm instead of an occasional crisis response?