

The Inner Room! ...*Matthew 6:6*

"But when you pray, go into your (inner) room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you." ...*Matthew 6:6*

1. The Inner Room...

Scripture...*Matthew 6:6 and Luke 6:12, Mark 6:45-46*

2. The What, Where, and Why of the Inner Room...

Scripture...*Psalm 46:10, Psalm 92:1, 1Chronicles 16:11, Philippians 4:13, Psalm 119:105*

3. Meditating on God's Word - what does the Scripture tell us?...

Scripture...*Joshua 1:8, Psalm 1:2, Psalm 119:97-99, Romans 12:2*

4. The Danger Zone...

- The Cares of this World - *Mark 4:18-19*
- Compromise - *Colossians 2:8*
- Social Media - *Galatians 5:17*
- Constant Distractions - *Colossians 3:1-2*
- Spiritual Weakness - *Matthew 26:41, 1Peter 5:8-9*
- Lust of the Flesh - *1John 2:16, Matthew 6:22*

5. Some of Jesus' Rewards for Visiting with Him in the Inner Room...

- Peace - *Isaiah 12:2*
- God's Direction in Our Lives - *John 16:13, Psalm 119:105*
- Spiritual Comfort Despite Circumstance - *1Thessalonians 5:18, Luke 9:23*
- His Joy - *Romans 14:17, John 16:24*

Group Discussion

1. What stood out to you in tonight's message and scripture passages? ...*be descriptive!*
2. What is your take on the importance of un-rushed time with Jesus in His Inner Room, ...where we pray, confess, and consider (meditate on) God's Word at a deep level, and listen for His voice? ...*explain!*
3. The Scripture makes plain that the world system has created a "Danger Zone"? Is there something within the "Inner Room Circle Danger Zone" area that is preventing you from spending dedicated time within the Inner Room?
4. Matthew 6:6 informs that when we go into the Inner Room that we can expect a reward – what kind of reward or rewards does God provide? Are the rewards independent of our circumstances?
5. Is there anything from tonight's discussion that spoke to you personally? In what way(s) does it affect your life? How will you directly and specifically apply it in your life today?

Take a few moments to share any Prayer Requests with the men in your Group. Write down any requests and commit to pray for one another throughout the week.

(It's great to know that other guys are praying for the important things in your life...and it's great to be praying for the important things in their lives!)

How do the **5 Principles for the Christian Man**, help equip you to apply this to your life?

Discuss your answer with your group...

- Prayer (*Relationship*)
- God's Word (*Knowledge and Understanding*)
- Worship (*Adoration*)
- Fellowship (*Encouragement and Accountability*)
- Service (*Caring for Others, Action to your Belief*)