

Give, Pray, Fast - Leader's Guide

- 1. Jesus taught about giving, praying, and fasting. What are the right motives for these activities? What are the wrong motives? (The right motives are to please God. The wrong motives are to please people and get attention.)**
- 2. Who will receive a reward and who will lose their reward? (Those who give, pray, and fast to please God will be rewarded. Those who do these things to show off or please people will lose their reward.)**
- 3. What is the wrong way to give? (The wrong way is to boast, to announce you're giving, and to look for praise.)**
- 4. What is the right way to give? (The right way is to give secretly and privately.)**
- 5. What are other ways to give besides money? (You can give time, energy, and acts of kindness.)**
- 6. What is the right way to pray? (Be honest with God. Tell him what's on your heart. Have simple faith. Get to the point. Go to your room alone and close the door. Turn off the TV, and silence the cell phone.)**
- 7. What is the wrong way to pray? (It's wrong to perform, show off, or try to impress others when you pray. Repeating empty phrases with no meaning is also wrong.)**
- 8. What short prayer did Peter pray? What answer did he get? (Peter prayed, "Lord, save me!" Jesus quickly answered by reaching out and rescuing him so he didn't drown.)**
- 9. Why pray? (We pray to develop our relationship with God. We also partner with God to bring his plans to the earth.)**
- 10. Why fast? (Fasting adds power to our prayers. In the Bible people fasted in a crisis or national emergency.)**
- 11. Why did Jesus fast 40 days? (He needed spiritual strength because he was going to be tempted by the devil.)**
- 12. What's the wrong way to fast? (It's wrong if you look sad, don't wash, put ashes on your head etc. to impress people.)**
- 13. What's the right way to fast? (The right way to fast is secretly, without letting people know what you are doing.)**
- 14. What can I do if I have wrong motives and I'm living to please others? (I can ask God to forgive me. I can ask God to clean me inside and give me the power to change.)**