

Prayer

Objectives:

1. A growing relationship with God through prayer.
2. A developing habit of and love for daily prayer.
3. Experience the joy of answered prayer.
4. Experience life transformation through prayer.

Materials

- Prayer packet, God's Character and Prayer Requests sheets.*
- Index cards or journal for developing a written prayer list.
- Daily Habit of Prayer* by Bill Young.

Tasks:

During the Meeting:

- Discuss the *Pursuing God* teaching.
- Review James 1:25.
- Go through the *Prayer packet*.
- Develop a daily prayer list.

Homework:

- Spend time daily praying through your prayer list.
- Add to the *God's Character and Prayer Request* sheets throughout the week.
- Listen to the *Daily Habit of Prayer* teaching before the next meeting.
- Memorize Philippians 4:6-7 before the next meeting.

Prayer**Why?****1. Read John 15:1-8.**

A. What does it mean to remain in Christ?

B. Why is remaining in Christ vital to our spiritual life and growth?

2. Read Luke 10:38-42.

A. What was Mary's choice? What did Jesus mean when he said "Mary has chosen what is better?"

B. What would it look like for you to make a similar choice?

All relationships require communication. Our relationship with God is not different. Through prayer we are able to communicate with God and develop a relationship with Him.

3. Read Ephesians 3:20. What is God able to do to answer our prayers?

4. Read Matthew 7:7-12. Do you believe that God wants to answer your prayers?

God desires to relate to us as a father. And as a father, it gives him pleasure to give good gifts to his children. It is God's nature to give and to answer prayer.

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How?

1. Read James 4:3. According to this passage what prevents God from answering our prayers?

2. Read Luke 18:9-14 and Hebrews 5:7 . What attitudes please God? What attitudes should we avoid in prayer?

3. Read Matthew 6:5-8. What kind of prayers will God reward?

What?

1. Read Ephesians 6:18 and 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. According to these passages, what should we pray about?

2. Read Matthew 6:9-13.

A. What three concerns related to God should we pray about?

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

B. What personal concerns should we pray about?

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

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3. How does God want us to deal with stress and anxiety?

A. Philippians 4:6-7

B. **Why?** 1 Peter 5:7

When?

1. Read Matthew 14:23; Mark 1:35; Luke 6:12 and Luke 22:39-41

A. According to these verses where did Jesus go to pray?

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

B. What times of the day did Jesus choose for His prayer times?

- 1. _____
- 2. _____

C. Why did Jesus choose such times and places for prayer?

2. How often should we pray? Ephesians 6:18, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

3. What should we do if our prayers are not answered immediately? Luke 18:1-8

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1. What do you remember most from this study?

2. List one verse that stuck out to you in this study:

3. Why should you pray?
