

SMALL GROUP INSTRUCTIONS

1. Meet in your small group sometime this week before next Sunday and go through Session One in the 40 Days of Prayer Study Guide. This includes watching Session One on the DVD together, taking notes, and answering the questions. Take time to share prayer requests and pray together.
2. Regardless of what day you meet together in your small group, individually do the daily prayer journal provided in the 40 Days of Prayer Study Guide. Start today or Monday, October 7. Commit to doing 40 days in a row.
3. Memorize John 15:7.

John 15:7 (NIV)

7 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.

MY PRAYER IS THAT GOD WILL TRANSFORM YOUR LIFE DURING THIS STUDY!

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Answers to fill in the blanks:

PART 1
1. WIRED 2. VERY GOOD 3. MISCONCEPTIONS A. MAGIC WAND B. FIRE EXTINGUISHER C. TUG A WAR D. RITUAL TO RELIEVE GUILT

PART 2

1. TALK A. CONVERSATION B. ANYTHING 2. SINCERE, SIMPLE A. RELATIONSHIP B. LONGER, STRONGER 3. ANSWERING A. ASK B. YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING ME 4. CLOSE A. DESIRE IT AND MAKE TIME FOR IT B. STRESSED, BLESSED

Sermon Study Guide

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SERMON NOTES

A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO PRAYER

PART 1 - THREE OBSERVATIONS ABOUT PRAYER

1. WE ARE _____ TO PRAY

Ecclesiastes 3:11 (CSB)

¹¹ He has made everything appropriate in its time. He has also put eternity in their hearts,...

2. WE ARE NOT _____ AT PRAYER

Luke 11:1 (CSB)

¹ He was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray..."

Romans 8:26–27 (CSB)

²⁶ In the same way the Spirit also helps us in our weakness, because we do not know what to pray for as we should, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with unspoken groanings. ²⁷ And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because he intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

3. OUR FRUSTRATIONS WITH PRAYER ARE CAUSED BY OUR _____

A. NOT A _____

B. NOT A _____

C. NOT A _____

D. NOT A _____

SERMON NOTES CONTINUED

PART 2 - FOUR FOUNDATIONAL TRUTHS ABOUT PRAYER

1. GOD LOVES FOR US TO _____ TO HIM

Psalm 103:13 (CSB)

¹³ As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.

A. PRAYER IS A _____, NOT A CEREMONY.

1 John 5:14–15 (CSB)

¹⁴ This is the confidence we have before him: If we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. ¹⁵ And if we know that he hears whatever we ask, we know that we have what we have asked of him.

B. GOD LOVES FOR US TO TALK TO HIM ABOUT _____!

2. GOD LISTENS TO PRAYERS THAT ARE _____

AND _____

Matthew 6:5–8 (CSB)

⁵ “Whenever you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites, because they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by people. Truly I tell you, they have their reward. ⁶ But when you pray, go into your private room, shut your door, and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ⁷ When you pray, don’t babble like the Gentiles, since they imagine they’ll be heard for their many words. ⁸ Don’t be like them, because your Father knows the things you need before you ask him.

A. PRAYER IS A _____, NOT A RITUAL.

B. _____ IS NOT _____ IN PRAYER.

SERMON NOTES CONTINUED

3. GOD LIKES TO SHOW HIS GRACE AND GOODNESS BY

_____ PRAYER

Matthew 7:11 (CSB)

¹¹ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him.

A. OVER 20 TIMES IN THE N.T. WE ARE COMMANDED TO _____.

B. GOD ANSWERS EVERY REQUEST WITH FOUR POSSIBLE ANSWERS: YES, NO, NOT YET, OR _____!

John 15:7 (NIV) **MEMORY VERSE FOR WEEK ONE**

⁷ If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.

4. GOD LONGS TO BE _____ TO US

John 15:15 (CSB)

¹⁵ I do not call you servants anymore, because a servant doesn’t know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have heard from my Father.

A. HOW DO WE GET CLOSER TO GOD? _____

James 4:8 (CSB)

⁸ Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you...

B. THE CLOSER WE ARE TO GOD THE LESS _____ AND MORE _____ WE WILL BE.