

NEVER GIVE UP — PRAYER



Our Liturgy

The Lord is here — His Spirit is with us.

Where the Spirit of the Lord is — there is Freedom!

CONNECT

— 15 MINUTES

Share with each other about your prayer rhythms and challenges

REVIEW

— 30 MINUTES

The Themes of the Great God story:

Presence — People — Authority

Read Luke 18:1-8

- Why did Jesus tell this parable?
- What stands out to you?

Prayer as Friendship with God

There are 25 accounts of Jesus praying and many more references. Philip Yancy said, “Why pray? Because Jesus did.”

Here’s a list of some key teachings of Jesus about prayer:

- Matthew 5:44 — Pray for those who persecute you.
- Matthew 6:15 — Don’t pray for show, but sincerely and privately.
- Matthew 18:20 — Pray with others—two or three gathered in His name. Even He needed others to pray with him. In the garden of Gethsamane he begged them—couldn’t you even pray with me for one hour?
- Matthew 26:41— He told us to pray that we won’t enter into temptation.
- Matthew 11:24-25—Prayers are sometimes ineffective because we haven’t forgiven others
- Matthew 7:7-11 — Ask, seek, knock: encouragement to pray boldly and with faith.
- Luke 6:27-28 — Pray for those who mistreat you.
- Luke 21:36 — Watch and pray for strength to endure trials.
- John 14:13-14 — Ask in Jesus’ name.
- John 15:7 — Remaining in Christ and answered prayer
- John 16:23-24 — Direct access to the Father in Jesus’ name.
- Matthew 6:5-15 and Luke 11:1-13 — He taught us how to pray in the Lords prayer





Prayer as Spiritual Formation

- John 15:1-7 —we learn how to pray as we grow in relationship to Jesus
- Hebrews 5:7-9 — Jesus learned through the discipline of prayer.
- Matthew 26:39 — Jesus did not receive the answer to prayer that He wanted, but He surrendered to the will of God. We can pray this way too.

Prayer as Spiritual Warfare

- Read Daniel 10:2-13
- Persistence in prayer requires a fundamental belief that we are, like Daniel, precious to God, and that He is responding to our prayers even when we don't understand the delay.

APPLICATION

— 20 MINUTES

- Be honest with God about your struggle with prayer.
- Confess and repent of unbelief and any spiritual laziness that He's made you aware of.
- Commit to a place and time to begin to practice regular conversations with God if you have not already.

Going Deeper:

- Find a prayer app to help you with the rhythm of regular prayer [here](#).
- Access a simple guide on how to pray [here](#).

