

Life Group Notes

Lord, teach us to pray

1. The call to prayer

These notes are designed to be used in Life Groups alongside the Sunday teaching at Wavertree. You might want to begin the time by sharing what stood out from Jenny's talk on the 6th.

INTRO: 10 minutes

What does your prayer life look like? Discuss some or all of the following questions?

- How would you describe your prayer life over the last year?
- When have you felt closest to God in prayer?
- What challenges limit your prayer life?

Jenny shared that there are some signs of an increased openness towards God across the nation. Zechariah encouraged people to pray for rain at the time of spring rain. In other words, when we see the first signs of growth (as we are) remember that the farmer needs the latter rain in order to grow and bring in a full harvest.

This is a metaphor for the church in the UK at the moment. That as we see the first signs of God moving we are called on to our knees, to cry out to God for heavy spiritual rain to bring revival to our land.



DISCUSS: 10 minutes

Where have you seen or experienced this openness yourself? Do you feel at all jealous or left out, if so that's a natural reaction. What do you long to see God do amongst your family/city/nation etc?

How do you feel about Frontline building a culture of prayer in our church? Excited, daunted etc...

Jenny talked about two key motivations to pray:

Praying to Pursue God

Praying to Partner in His Purposes

SHARE: 15 minutes

Which of these do you find easier? Share stories from your group - When have people encountered God in times and seasons of prayer? When have you seen miraculous breakthrough and answers to prayer?

READ: Luke 11:1-10

Discuss what this passage tells you about God and what kind of prayer life you are invited into.

One of the biggest challenges for growing our prayer life is time.

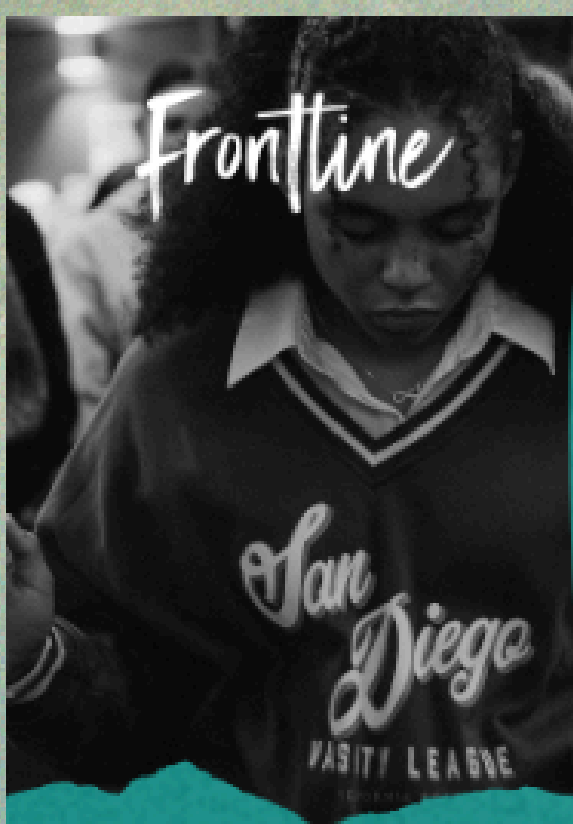
Our time and attention is under constant demand, work, family, hobbies, technology - a billion dollar industry has grown as companies seek to have our attention. We have more time saving devices than any time in history and yet most of us feel time poor.

REFLECT: 5 minutes

Do you want to join the church on this journey of prayer?

If so, what could you do to make more time for God and for developing your prayer life this term? Be proactive, but realistic. Set a goal you can achieve, or ask God for wisdom to help you see where you could find some time.

PRACTICAL ACTIVITY THIS WEEK
come along to our Prayer room



At the name of
Jesus

54 hours of Prayer 7th - 9th September

Scan to book a slot in the Prayer Room

4:30pm Monday : Family Prayer

7:30pm Monday : All Church Prayer and Worship

7:30am Tuesday & Wednesday : Morning Reflections

8pm Wednesday : Prayer for Justice

