



# GROWING DEEPER

*Sermon study guide for next-level growth.*

*"Prayer is both conversation and encounter with God...We must know the awe of praising his glory, the intimacy of finding his grace, and the struggle of asking his help, all of which can lead us to know the spiritual reality of his presence."*

**Tim Kellar, *Prayer: Experiencing Awe and Intimacy with God***



**Sermon:** *Prayer: Our Declaration of Dependence*

**Key Passages:** *Luke 18:9-14; Hebrews 4:14-16*

### **Questions for discussion:**



1. What stood out to you from this sermon?
2. What is the main reason why people don't pray?
3. What are the basic elements of prayer?
4. What does it mean to come to God in helplessness?
5. Why is it important to pray to God in faith? (Heb. 11:6)
6. Why do we need reminded of the Gospel in prayer?
7. What are some barriers that keep us in consistent prayer?
8. How is prayer fueled by a spiritual desire and not obligation?
9. Read Romans 12:12 and 1 Thess. 5:16-18. What does it mean to pray continually and how can we do that practically?

### **Prayer Prompts**



- Pray that the Holy Spirit gives you the desire to pray daily (specific time/place).
- Remind yourself that you are covered by the blood of Jesus in prayer and there is no condemnation to enter His throne of grace (Rom. 8:1, Heb. 4:16)
- Present your needs and desires to God honestly in faith.
- Thank God for all the little blessings in your life.
- Pray for those in your life that need to encounter the presence of God.



### **Scripture for further study:**

*2 Chronicles 7:14; Psalm 18:6; Luke 18:9-14; Matthew 7:7-12; Romans 8:14-17; Hebrews 4:14-16*