

Group Discussion Guide

Week of August 22, 2021

Life Abundantly – Prayer

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

- What is your first memory of praying to God?
- Growing up, did your family pray together?
- Were you taught a specific way to pray?
- Can you share an example of a time you prayed and felt like God came through in a powerful way as an answer to your prayer?

QUICK REVIEW

Looking over your notes from this past teaching... was there anything you heard for the first time, caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

MAIN POINT

Jesus desires to give us life abundantly which often comes through prayer – communication with God.

DIGGING INTO THE WORD

- How would you define “PRAYER”?
- How can it be possible for people to think they are praying, when in reality, they are not praying?

Read – Matthew 6:5-7

- What are some of the instructions Jesus gives regarding prayer?
- What are some of the ways you struggle with prayer in your life?
- How can prayer sometimes seem like a necessary labor we HAVE to do?

Read – Hebrews 4:16

- How does this verse portray prayer?
- How can we think of prayer as a privilege rather than a duty?

Read – 1 John 5:14-15

- What do these verses teach us about prayer?
- What is the key element needed to receive what we pray for?
- How can we figure out what God's will is?

Read – Philippians 4:6-7

- What does Paul point to as the way to extinguish anxiousness?
- How can prayer make us less anxious?
- Whose will changes more when we pray... God's will... or... our will?
- How does our will change when we pray?

Read – Luke 22:42

- What can we learn about prayer from this prayer of Jesus'?

Read – Colossians 4:2

- What do we learn about prayer from this verse?
- Why do you think THANKSGIVING is important in our prayer life?

TAKING IT HOME

- How can you engage in prayer more this week?

PRAISE & PRAYER REQUESTS

****IMPORTANT****

Take time to pray together. Consider doing some directed prayer with your group similar to what Pastor Nate did with us on Sunday morning. Maybe take the prayer requests of the group and take time to read each one and let the group pray for them each individually.