

## Prioritizing Prayer - Psalm 5:1-12

**Intro:** God had a plan for you to grow spiritually in 2020, has one for 2021; and His plan requires active participation? From David we learn one of the keys to spiritual growth

### I. David's \_\_\_\_\_ in Prayer – Psalm 5:1-3

A. \_\_\_\_\_ – 5:1-2

B. \_\_\_\_\_ – 5:1-2

C. \_\_\_\_\_ – 5:3

Directing your praises, your problems, your plans, etc. heavenward through prayer is a difference maker.

### II. David's \_\_\_\_\_ in Prayer – Psalm 5:7-8

A. I will come into Your \_\_\_\_\_.

B. I will \_\_\_\_\_ Your character.

C. I will \_\_\_\_\_.

D. I will \_\_\_\_\_.

### III. David's \_\_\_\_\_ in Prayer – Psalm 5:10-12

God will \_\_\_\_\_ to his praying with exactly what he needed.

Praying enables us in our \_\_\_\_\_ to be surrounded by His shield.

Augustine – “God alone is the place of peace (hope, joy, strength, wisdom). And he will not withhold himself from your (prayer) unless you withhold your (prayer) from him.”

This is what we need to believe and the way to begin this year.

**Conclusion:** With a commitment to praying as families, as individuals, and as the church, while we may be uncertain over what 2021 may bring; we can be certain that God will hear us and do beyond what we can ask or think, even in training.

## Sermon Based Small Groups Study Questions

### Develop

1. What was most challenging to you in 2020?
2. In what ways did you experience spiritual growth?

### Dig and Discuss

1. Read Psalm 5 in its entirety. Distinguish between what God takes pleasure in and what He finds no pleasure in

(Hint: Psalm 5:1-3, 7-8, and 11-2 is contrasted with Psalm 5:4-6, 9-10).

2. Read Psalm 5:1-3 - What deliberate actions does David take as he prays?

3. In verse 3, David says that he will “direct” or place his request before God. How can knowing that we can make specific requests of God encourage us in our praying?

4. Read Psalm 5:7-8. How is remembering God as merciful holy, and righteous reassuring when we pray?

5. Read Psalm 5:10. What does this way that David prays concerning evil mem teach us concerning how we should respond to evil in our world (See Romans 12:17-21).

6. Read Psalm 5:11-12. Identify key words or responses that a Christian will have in his life when in a healthy relationship with God.

### Apply and Do

1. What did you find helpful from this Psalm or this study for prioritizing prayer?
2. How can you strengthen the discipline of prayer in your life, in your family, and for our church?