

I have a question

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TEACHING OVERVIEW

This weekend Pastor Jackson continued with week 2 of our series, "Hey God...I Have A Question" by diving into the topic of prayer and sharing about what he called the "Prayer Package". In his teaching he shared that while prayer can seem like this big and sometimes overwhelming thing, the fundamental characteristic to prayer is simply just a conversation, a dialogue between one individual and God. He continued to talk about this "Prayer Package" and how the three components of this package are humility, truth, and sacrifice, and how those three are key components to each of our prayer lives.

Encouragement

Pastor Jackson shared that God truly wants you to talk to and with Him daily and He desires to have a deep relationship with you. When having an active prayer life, your intimacy with God grows and so does your love for Him. Find encouragement this week in knowing that we serve a God who so desires a deep relationship with us, and who wants to hear about our needs and what is going on in our lives.

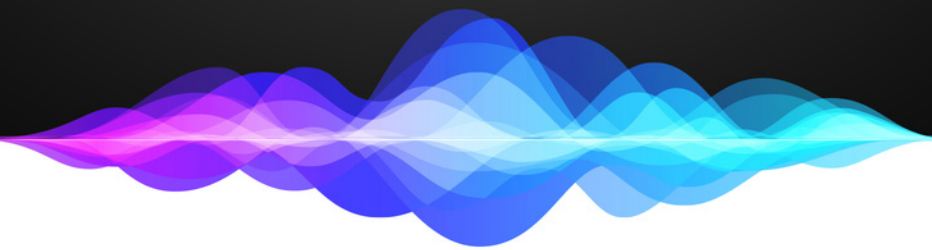
Scripture & Discussion

Read: [Matthew 6:5-6](#)

Discuss

1. Twice in this scripture it says "when you pray", not if, but when... Prayer is not an optional part of our relationship with God, it is essential. This passage goes on to talk about how each one of us should pray, and specifically it says, "Go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father in private." Spend time talking with your Group about how this specific passage applies to you. Share some ideas with one another on how each of you can be more intentional to have this private time with God.

2. God so desires a relationship with us, but like the passage says, prayer is required as part of that relationship. Spend some time being honest with your Group about your current prayer life. Spend some time sharing and then talking through ways that each one of you can tangibly make your prayer life a higher priority or more of a constant in your walk with God.



Scripture & Discussion

Read: [Luke 11:1-4](#)

Discuss

1. This passage in Luke is where Jesus is teaching his disciples, and can now teach us, how to pray. Jackson mentioned that Jesus's model for prayer is recognizing that what we ought to pray for is more important than what we want to pray for. Spend some talking with your Group about what this might mean for each one of you in your lives today.

2. The "Prayer Package" that Jackson shared explains the three aspects that we can lean into with prayer which include humility, truth, and sacrifice. Talk with your Group about these three things and how you can work on making these three aspects not just a part of your personal prayer time, but a part of your life and who you are:

- Humility... the realization that it's not all about me. The idea that prayer is interaction and intercession.
- Trust... with faith there is an aspect of trust with God and that is no different in our prayer life.
- Sacrifice... Jesus was the ultimate sacrifice and prayer will take sacrifice. Every new habit you start means that there is something in your life that must stop.

Prayer

Pastor Jackson shared that God says to come to Him just as we are. God doesn't need you to have it all together before you come to Him, He just wants you! Take time this week to talk and pray as a Group for some things in your lives that you may be struggling with and need to trust God with and give to Him. Pray that each of you would be able to overcome the obstacles that may get in the way, knowing that God is the ultimate victor, He has already won, and that all things are possible with and through Him.

Spend time praying for each member of your Group this week, that they would be able to be intentional about their prayer time and that they would see God move through that this week.

Next Steps

Jackson shared with us the Monday Morning Prayer Challenge. Whether it's Monday morning, or just another day, take time to read this prayer in [John 17:1-5](#) and ask yourself the two questions: 1- Where is this prayer packaged with humility, trust, and sacrifice? 2- How can I make this my prayer?

Our Groups semester is almost ready to kick off! Check out the Group directory this week and share it with someone you know who may be needing to take this next step: [Group Directory](#).