

## Alpha Questions

### “Why and How Do I Pray?”

Certainly, people pray. Tonight, we want to keep the issue of prayer focused on how prayer is birthed out of relationship with God. The issues of repentance, faith, and Biblical prayer are keys to the context of this chapter. For them to leave this meeting with a deeper sense of the vital and intimate act of prayer, not just in direct conversation but “indirect” thoughts and actions, will go a long way in folks further understanding of and responding to the gospel.

The issue of prayer is also an issue of birth. For one to pray to the Father, it is essential that the one praying be His child. Does God answer the prayer of the unbeliever? Yes, out of His mercy to open the person’s eyes to draw that one to the reality of the Savior. And that is for the purpose of that one crying out to God in repentance to become a regenerated, redeemed and forgiven child of God.

The questions are not to be used necessarily in the order below. Discern the Spirit and your group.

1. What questions, thoughts or concerns do you have about tonight’s talk? Did you learn anything new about prayer?
2. Would you say your prayer life has been more transactional or relational?
3. From what we heard tonight, specifically from **Matthew 6:6**, *what do you believe God’s perspective of prayer is*? How does that make you feel?
4. What has been your experience with prayer? Have you ever had a prayer answered that you know of? (Ask them to share. Tell some of your answers to prayer.)
5. According to what was discussed again tonight, what do you think is most necessary to experience ongoing deeply personal communication with God?
6. **John 17:20-21**: Knowing that Jesus prays for us (also Heb.7:25) is an incredible thought. What does this segment of Jesus’ prayer communicate to you concerning His desires for you?

7. Had you considered that the “Our Father” (**Matt. 6:9-13**) was to be an outline to prayer? (Go through either of both of these and ask guests to “practice” them. After tonight’s talk, have you changed how you “C” yourself?)
  
8. Did you understand the analogies that Frank used concerning marriage *beyond* “I Do” and the Bible’s definition of “being committed”?
  
9. Knowing, trusting, loving, serving... What did that communicate to you?
  
10. Go over the acrostic **ACTS**.  
Adoration. Confession. Thanksgiving.  
Supplication. Try it!
  
11. **Praying Scripture back to God** is a wonderful way to pray. Go to a Psalm (try **Psalm 23**), an epistle, etc. and take the opportunity to show guests how they can do this.
  - >Four prayers from the Apostle Paul to the churches
    - Ephesians 1:17-19  
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    - Ephesians 3:14-21  
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    - Philippians 1:9-11  
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    - Colossians 1:9-14.  
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