

When You Pray Week/Session 2 Notes

Hey Ladies- welcome back to the world of leader notes! I hope it is was a great first week of bible study. As we move into the first discussion time, feel free to share the Chatty Cathy, Timid Tina example beforehand if you think it might be helpful.

I was listening to a podcast this summer, that stressed the importance of reading God's word- which can sometimes be crowded out by our own opinions about things. I have included every Scripture reference for each day in case it is helpful to you. You can read everything aloud one time through at the beginning of the day, from the list below. Or, you could write the passages addresses on small papers in a bowl, and pass them to different ladies to look up and be ready to read when you reach that part in the lesson. Just an idea! Here is the podcast that gave me that idea this summer. <https://podcasts.apple.com/ru/podcast/110-how-to-take-a-shallow-bible-study-deeper/id1495210734?i=1000612437011>

Each week has a theme verse from Psalm 119- this session verse is written on page 17.

Open my eyes so that I may contemplate wondrous things from your instruction.

Psalm 119:18

Day 1

Scriptures For The Day

Luke 11:1-4

Matthew 6:5-8

Luke 9:28, 22:45-46, Acts 1:14, Acts 2:42, Acts 12:12 (the significance of all of these is that they all mention people praying)

This day highlight's **our approach to prayer.**

- Our top priority in prayer is reverence to God, not fear of man.
- There is value in praying in private.
 - Matthew 6:6 describes God as "the Father who is in secret, and who sees in secret." Prayer is an invitation to complete intimacy with your Creator. Does this encourage or intimidate the ladies in you group?
- God rewards prayer.
 - How are God's rewards different than earthly rewards?
- The first century Jews were told not to not pray like the Gentiles.
 - Why would Jesus had said that? What was their motivation?
- If God already knows what we need, then why do we need to pray?
 - How unsettling would it be if God did not already know what we need?
 - If God already knows what we need, then shouldn't we ask Him for what that thing is?

There is a great wrap up statement in the middle of page 21.

Day 2

Scriptures For The Day

Matthew 6:9-13

Psalm 30:4

1 Samuel 12:20-25

Philippians 2:5-11

Matt. 3:1-2, 4:17

Matt. 4:23

Matt 6:33

Matt 19:13-15

Matt 24:14

In this day, we learn that our **prayers must begin with worship of God**, instead of jumping into our pressing needs. It is in worship that we align our hearts and minds with His.

- Our Father
 - How incredible that the maker of heaven and earth wants us to approach Him as a loving Father!
- Hallowed by the Name
 - God's name represents so much. As Christians, we bear the name of God. The 3rd commandment, "Do not take the name of the Lord in vain", is not to misrepresent God, as we are image bearers of God.
- Thy Kingdom Come
 - God's kingdom is where what God prefers is actually what happens.
 - I thought Kelly's point at the top of page 25 was interesting- God's kingdom isn't an easy thing to grasp, which is why Jesus may have spoken about it in parables.
- Thy Will be Done
 - To pray for God's will, we are agreeing to work in accordance with His purposes so we can be active participants in what He's accomplishing on earth.
- On Earth as it is in Heaven
 - How has God's kingdom purposes broken into our daily lives?

Day 3

Scriptures For The Day

Matthew 6:9-13

Exodus 16:1-5

Matthew 6:25-34

In this day, we look at how the Lord's prayer switches focus from God to us.

- Give us our Daily Bread- what is the OT reference? Take time to show your ladies how the OT lays a foundation or backdrop to the teachings of the NT!

- God's personal care is shown as Jesus switches topics easily from the Father's glory to our earthly, human needs.
- God compares us to a bird or a lily of the field who cannot plan, harvest or save. How has God provided for us? Do we need to differentiate between needs and wants and be thankful that all of our needs are met?

I love the last two sentences of this day's lesson.

Day 4

Scriptures For The Day

Matthew 6:9-13
 1 Peter 18-19
 Romans 6:23
 1 John 4:9-10
 Ephesians 2:8-9
 Matt 18:21-35
 2 Cor. 2:5-11

This is an EXTRA LONG day! It is gospel day!

- Forgives us Debts as we Forgive our Debtors.
 - What do you think about Jesus listing daily bread and forgiveness right next to each other? Just as our physical needs must be met, so our relational needs ones need tending.
 - This was a good distinction- we are forgive debtors, not debts. We are to forgive people, not their offenses. Does that help anyone who is struggling to forgive?
 - What is our debt to God for our sins against Him? Are we able to pay it back? How did our debt to God get cleared? Take time here to share the gospel, in case you have a newcomer who may not understand it.
 - You can also differentiate between justification (freed from the **penalty** of sin), sanctification (freed from the **power** of sin) and glorification (freed from the **presence** of sin).
 - We can't be Christians and harbor unforgiveness. Why is forgiveness such a challenge? How can we get help in this area?

Day 5

Scriptures For The Day

1 John 4:4
 Matt 6:9-13
 James 1:13-15

1 Cor. 10:13

Matt. 7:7-11

James 1:2-4,12

Matt 4:1-11

Nehemiah 1:4, Luke 2:37, Acts 14:23 (the significance of these passages is that they all mention people praying and fasting)

1 Peter 5:8

- Lead us not into Temptation, but Deliver us from Evil.
 - This passage can be very confusing at first glance. But God tempts no one (James 1:13-15). Another way to read this passage is “Do not allow us so to be led into temptation that it overwhelms us, but rescue us from the evil one.”
 - How can we personalize this? Father lead me not into _____ instead deliver me from Satan’s schemes of _____
 - Knowing and quoting scripture is a great weapon against Satan’s temptation! It is what Jesus did in Matthew 4. Do they ladies in your group know some good fighting scripture? That is why the Bible is called the sword of the spirit.

I like this chart:

SATAN’S VOICE	GOD’S VOICE
Obsesses	Calms
Worries	Comforts
Condemns	Convicts
Discourages	Encourages
Confuses	Enlightens
Pushes	Leads
Frightens	Reassures
Rushes	Stills
Fear and Frenzy	Calm and Comfort
Confusion and Coercion	Clarity and Direction
Condemnation and Discouragement	Forgiveness and Encouragement
Stress and Worry	Peace and Security