

When You Pray Session 3 Notes

Hey ladies- we are off to our second week of homework. This week will be looking at Prayers of Petition- when we ask God for something that we need or want.

Day 1

Scriptures For The Day

1 Samuel 1:1-2:11

Matthew 7:7-11

Matthew 21:22

Philippians 4:6

1 John 5:14-15

By looking at the scriptures on page 49, we must conclude that **God wants us to ask Him for things!** But, while knowing that, we must veer toward cynicism or entitlement. Did this distinction resonate with anyone in your group?

In healthy prayer, we must consider the nature of God, the nature of the petitioner, the act of petition and the result of petition. What are some key biblical concepts that stood out to your ladies?

I think I only found five key points from Matthew 7:7-11- I am interested to know what the sixth one is, that I am missing!

Day 2

Scriptures For The Day

Deuteronomy 7:12-14

Job 5:18

Lamentations 3:37-38

Deuteronomy 32:39

Amos 3:6

2 Corinthians 1:3-9

Romans 8: 18-28

When we have a prayer of petition, we have a problem. What was Hannah's problem? In what ways did her problem impact her?

In this day we discuss the **conflict of God's sovereignty and the problem of suffering**. How did the verses on page 58 make the ladies in your group feel? I love what Jackie Hill Perry states at the top of 59, "Ignoring our feelings doesn't make us godlier, it just makes us numb."

Take some time to read 2 Corinthians 1:3-9 and Romans 8: 18-28 as you process your emotions.

Hopefully women can share some words of encouragement with one another based on their personal experiences in relation to these scriptures.

Day 3

Scriptures For The Day

Isaiah 40:31

Luke 18:1

Galatians 6:9

John 11:1-21

Psalm 42:3

John 11:1-15

Psalm 42:3

In this day we consider **prayers of petition that have gone unanswered for a long time**. What are some long standing prayers that you have prayed? How did the scriptures in this week minister to the ladies in your group?

Maybe take some time today to pray for ladies who are waiting on the Lord for answers. I love two of the statements that Jackie Hill Perry makes at the end of this day:

- More often than not, the weary-hearted saint doesn't need words but presence.
- God never delays for no reason. It is probably that in your waiting, He is preparing you to see His glory.

"I will still praise Him, my Savior and my God." Psalm 42:5

Day 4

Scriptures For The Day

Gen 16:1-2

1 Samuel 1:9-18

Psalm 6

Psalm 38

Psalm 42

James 4:2-3

In this day we look at the **prayer of petition** that Hannah prays. What stood out to the ladies about Hannah's prayer? How did she address God? How did she identify herself?

How does Hannah's prayer of petition compare or contrast against our own prayers of petition?

Day 5

Scriptures For The Day

Psalm 106:1

Philippians 4:4-6

Colossians 4:2

1 Thessalonians 5:18

Romans 1:18-21

Daniel 4:28-37

1 Corinthians 4:7

1 Samuel 1:20-28

Romans 8:32

In this day we focus on **being thankful for God's answered prayers**. Read the passages on page 71- what stood out to your ladies?

What does the Bible say results from being unthankful toward God?

What answers did the ladies write to the question at the bottom of page 73? How can we cultivate a heart that loves the Giver more than the gift?

Isn't the parallel between Mary's song of praise (Luke 1:46-55) and Hannah's song of praise interesting? I never knew that those two passages correlated. Hannah's song included prophetic references to Jesus Christ and His ministry.

Perhaps take some time with your ladies to thank God for the things He has done in your life.