

MADE for THIS

Luke 11:1

*One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “**Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.**”*

Lots of people come to the conclusion that prayer just DOESN'T WORK!

Matthew 6:5-15

*“And **when you pray**, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But **when you pray**, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.*

Question:

If God already knows... why pray?

Matthew 6:9-10

*“This, then, is how you should pray:
“Our **Father in heaven,**
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.*

The purpose of Prayer:

Prayer is about LETTING GO... a true SURRENDER of my will

Prayer is not:

A method or tool to FORCE God's hand

Luke 22:42

“not my will, but yours be done”

If Prayer is about anything other than SURRENDER, we are doing it wrong!

What if prayer is MORE and way BIGGER than you imagined?

What if you are PART of the plan but the plan is way BIGGER than you?

Ta l k I t O v e r

1. Is there someone in your life you look up to as a real “person of prayer”? Why?
2. Read the full MATTHEW 6 and Luke 11 passages as a group. What stands out to you?
3. Do you think it’s really possible that we are “praying wrong” more often than we’d think?
4. As a group, come up with a commitment/challenge to encourage one another to pray prayers of submission this week.
5. Pray together