



Lifegroup Questions - Prayer

If you wish to re-watch the humorous look at the different ways people pray please follow the following link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DzaZZZsyVXI>

- What is the first thing that comes to mind when you hear the word prayer?
- Martin Luther said that “To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing” Do you agree? Why/why not?
- On Sunday Dan said that “Prayer is a conversation that we did not start” What does this mean and why is it important for us to remember?
- Read Matthew 6:5-8. What is the lesson that Jesus is teaching his followers in these verses? Do you find it difficult do you find it to pray in private? Why/why not?
- Jesus always made time for private prayer (Matthew 14:22-23, Luke 5:16, Mark 1:35, Luke 6:12) Why do you think this was?

If you are able to follow the link to watch this short video from Bill Hybels:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-xU9GR4H0WQ&t=422s>

- How do you feel about Bill’s challenge to the man who was struggling to make time for God? (“My experience is that I’ve always been able to make time for the things I value”)
- In what way does the Lords Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13, Luke 11:1-4) provide us with a framework for prayer? What is the danger of only praying this prayer?
- What do we learn about prayer from Paul’s letters to the churches (Colossians 4:2, Ephesians 6:18, Romans 12:12, 1 Thessalonians 5:17). How can we include prayer in every area of our lives?
- The early church were committed to and unified by prayer (Acts 1:14, 2:42, 4:24 6:6, 12:5, 13:2-3, 14:23, 16:25, 20:36, 21:5). Practicality speaking, how can we as a church make prayer more of a priority?
- In this series we have looked at God’s design for a living church and covered the following topics; worship, community, discipleship, evangelism, ministry, generosity and prayer. Which subject have you found the most challenging and why? Are there and changes you have made as a result of this series?