

Prayer: God's Great Idea

Prayer in Private

Scriptures: Genesis 15: 1-11; Exodus 3:1-6; 2 Samuel 12:13-23; Ecclesiastes 1:12-18; Jeremiah 1:1-3; Daniel 6:6-11; Matthew 14:22-24; Acts 7:54-60; Acts 16:

1. What do you think these individuals share in common which makes their prayer life so notable.
2. How significant is private prayer to you, and can you share the times, places, occasions, circumstances of this. Do you have particular prayer approaches that you find particularly helpful.
3. How easy do you find it to listen to God in contrast to talking to Him
4. Does your prayer life ebb and flow or is this a more constant feature of your faith? Do you find it easier to pray in times of hardship or need (in the "valley") or at times of ongoing blessing (on the "mountaintop")?
5. How easy do you find it to settle to private reflection and prayer with others around you?
6. Have you ever received specific revelation or words of prophecy, either for yourself or others? How easy do you find it to share these?
7. Have you ever received a vision or a picture which you sense is from God again either for yourself or for a wider group/gathering/church?
8. Can you share times when all you could do was persevere in prayer – even if God's only response at that time was silence, and what brought those seasons to a conclusion?

Take time to pray together including a time of quiet private prayer and reflection and as people feel able, share how you feel spoken to by God in this time.