

Life Group Discussion Questions

Sermon Series: Why Do We Do That?

Sermon Title: Pray

Sermon Date: 11-3-19

Gospel Gain: Prayer grows our personal relationship with God.

Gathering Together (Icebreaker)

- How is prayer often modeled or described in movies or TV shows?
- What elements of prayer do they capture and what do they miss?
- When do you remember learning about prayer and what did you learn?

Growing Together (Truth/Equipping)

- In this study we will take time to look at several passages connected to prayer and its importance.

Read: *Matthew 6:9-13; Colossians 4:2; 1 Thessalonians 5:17*

- What do these verses tell us about prayer?
- What did Jesus highlight in the Matthew passage? How can we apply those priorities in our personal times of prayer?

Read: *Luke 6:12; Mark 1:35*

- Prayer was a priority to Jesus as reflected in these verses. What principles can we learn and apply to our prayer life based on these examples?

Read: *Matthew 6:9; Romans 8:15; Ephesians 2:18; Ephesians 6:18; Romans 8:26-27*

- How do these verses describe the opportunity to build your relationship with God through prayer?

Read: *Psalms 51:1-4, 10-12; 1 John 1:8-9*

- Confession and self-awareness of sin are critical parts of our prayer life. How is humility on display in these passages of scripture?

Read: *Matthew 6:33*

- How does this verse capture the context of what Jesus has just been teaching?

- How does this connect with our prayer time?
- Why is praying for God's will so important?

Read: *Proverbs 3:5-6*

- What makes trusting God to answer our prayers so challenging?
- Discuss how these various answers to prayer can be good for us – Yes, No, Wait, Grow.

Read: *Philippians 4:6-7; James 1:16-17*

- Thankfulness and gratitude are very important elements of our prayer time. How do we make it a priority to be more thankful in prayer?

Outline for Prayer:

A – Adoration – praising God for who He is and what He has done

C – Confession – taking time to admit our sins to ourselves and to God

T – Thanksgiving – making gratitude and thankfulness a priority in prayer

S – Supplication – sharing requests and concerns with God for His involvement

Getting Real with One Another (Accessibility)

- Take time to share prayer requests in preparation for the next action point.
- As a group, take time to walk through the ACTS outline for prayer. Start with a time of praise which could include reading some Psalms or words of praise. Take a few moments of personal time of silent confession to God. Share one-word statements of thankfulness. Close in praying for needs and concerns of the group and those around you.

Group Prayer Time (Supplication)

Apply the prayer points in this lesson by doing what is mentioned above.

Pray that Oakwood Church would continue to develop a passion for God and compassion for people.