

HEARD

Community Group Discussion Guide

December 7, 2104

Week 1 | The Why
Luke 18:1-8

Introduction

Prayer is essential for us to grow in our relationship with God.

This three week series provides guidance on how to make prayer a meaningful and effective part of our lives.

Questions for Study

1. The topic of this week's message was "Why Pray?" What are some of the most common reasons people pray? List at least 3-4 things that drive people to pray.
2. Why is answering the "why?" question about prayer even important? If we don't think about this "why?" question, what practical impact might this have on our prayer life?
3. Why is communication essential for the health of any relationship? How does this relate to prayer – our communication with God?
4. Read the following verses and briefly (in a few phrases or 1 sentence) summarize what each is saying about the identity of people who are following Jesus:
 - John 15:15
 - Romans 8:15-16
 - Galatians 4:4-7

How do the truths discovered in these verses help us answer the question "Why Pray?"?
5. Read Hebrews 4:14-16. What do we learn in these verses that provides motivation to pray?
6. Identify at least 4-5 different obstacles that keep people from praying. How might what you've learned about "Why Pray?" help you address or overcome these obstacles?
7. How can what you've learned about "The Why" breath life into your habit of prayer? Share 1-2 practical applications based on what you've learned.
8. What else – either directly from the sermon or something related to it – were you hoping to discuss? Consider especially questions you still have and/or major take-aways from this week's message.