

HEARD

Community Group Discussion Guide

December 14, 2104

Week 2 | What To Pray
Selected Scripture

Introduction

The first sermon in this three week series answered the question 'Why?'. Why should we pray? The answer is found in this statement. We should pray: because of who we're talking to, how he sees us, and the relationship it builds.

The truth of who God is and how God sees us points to one of the most important truths for us to know about what to bring to God in prayer. This truth: There's nothing too big and nothing too small. The answer to the second question in this series is found within this wonderful truth. The question: What should I pray? Or, What can I pray?

Questions for Study

1. If you've experienced prayer in your life, what was your earliest experience with prayer?

Max Lucado and LifeWay Research did a survey on what people pray. Here's what they found...

- 51% pray for their own sin
- 46% pray for their enemies
- 44% pray for people in natural disasters
- 26% pray for people of other faiths or no faith

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- 20% pray to win the lottery
 - 14% pray for God to avenge someone who hurt them or a loved one
 - 11% pray for their favorite team to win a game
 - 9% pray to find a good parking spot
 - 7% pray to not get caught speeding
 - 5% pray for someone's relationship to end

2. If you were to give an overall description of what you pray, would you say it would fit best above the line or below the line? Why?
3. What do you think is the biggest prayer you've ever prayed?
4. What's the smallest prayer you've ever prayed?
5. Sunday's sermon talks through six big prayers. Each one of these prayers are taken from scripture. Read the following scriptures and write down the prayer you can pray for yourself and others.

Ephesians 6:19-20

John 17:15

John 17:17

John 17:20-23

Matthew 9:35-38

2 Corinthians 4:4