

Worship Discussion and Reflection Questions

Sermon Series: Following Jesus in Real Life

Sermon: *Pray—Because It's a Relationship!*

Scripture: Mark 1:35; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18; Luke 11: 1-4

Mark 1:35

And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray without ceasing, ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Luke 11:1-4

Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” ² And he said to them, “When you pray, say:

“Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

³Give us each day our daily bread,

⁴and forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us.

And lead us not into temptation.”

Questions:

1. How do you think of prayer? A chore? A missed opportunity? Something you are unsure about? Have you viewed it as a way to connect with God *because he loves you and wants to be with you*?
2. Have you experimented with listening prayer? Do you think you can quiet down enough to wait for the “still small voice” of God? Consider trying it out today.
3. Prayer can be how God gets us “on mission” with him—are you willing to ask the “how can I join in what you are doing” question?
4. Look over the prayer circles in the linked document [here](#). Spend some time in each circle—there is no hurry and no special words to use. God just loves to be with you!
5. As you go through the day, practice being aware of God’s presence with you. Say “Help!” “Thanks!” and “Wow!” as appropriate—and keep listening for his voice throughout your day—where are you at work Lord?