

GOSPEL COMMUNITY GUIDE

Kingdom Values : Prayer

Acts 2:42, Hebrews 4:16, 1 Thessalonians 5:17

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QUICK UPDATES

Share any upcoming church events and handle housekeeping for the Gospel Community.

CONNECT

Who is someone you know you can call when you need help - and what makes them that person for you?

REVIEW

Have someone read the passage(s) out loud from the ESV translation or something similar. Reflect on any insights, questions, or parts that stood out from the text or the sermon. Then read the summary below.

***We are quick to pray.** Prayer is not a spiritual discipline to master, but an expression of our dependence on God. Because Jesus has opened the way to the Father, we can draw near with confidence, trusting that God welcomes us and gives mercy and grace in our need. Kingdom people therefore seek to become people for whom prayer is not a last resort, but a first instinct - both individually and together as the church.*

LEARN

These questions help us learn God's truth about himself, us, and our world

- Read Acts 2:42. What does the early church's devotion to "the prayers" show us about the place prayer should have in the shared life of God's people?
- Read Hebrews 4:15–16. What does this passage tell us about Jesus, our access to God, and what we can expect when we come to him in prayer?
- Hebrews 4:16 invites us to draw near to the throne of grace with confidence. When you hesitate to pray, is it usually because you feel self-sufficient (you've got it handled), or because you feel unworthy (you've messed up)?
- Read 1 Thessalonians 5:16–18. In light of the sermon, what do you think it means to "pray without ceasing"? What kind of relationship with God is Paul describing?

LIVE

These questions allow that truth we're learning to confront, encourage, and reshape our actual lives.

- If prayer is difficult for you - why do you think that is? If prayer tends to be easy for you - why do you think that is?
- When it's not God you turn to first in prayer, where do you tend to turn? What do you think you're looking for there?
- Look back at Redeemer's history - spending the first six months praying in living rooms. How does remembering God's past faithfulness to our prayers challenge the way we pray for our city and church today? What would it look like for you to remember God's faithfulness in your own life?
- What would it look like for our Gospel Community to transition from a group that just shares prayer requests to a family that actively practices "dependent prayer" together?
- **How is the Holy Spirit confronting, encouraging, or reshaping you personally from this text and discussion - and how could you live differently this coming week in light of it?**

PRAY

- Ways to pray:
 - Pray about one way God spoke to you tonight through His Word
 - Pray by name for one person you know who is far from God
 - Pray for personal needs of other group members
- Pray for this ministry area of Redeemer: [Pray that we would be a people shaped by prayer.](#)

5 GROUP DISCUSSION RULES

We want to be full of grace as we meet, deepening our relationship with one another and with Christ. These five values help us know our **P.L.A.C.E.** in our GC's and Huddles.

1. **Pray** - *Prayer is a space for confession, struggle, and praise. Keep requests focused on yourself and your immediate family, so we can pray specifically and personally.*
2. **Listen** - *Be present and attentive. Share with humility, be mindful of time, and remember: silence is okay.*
3. **Apply** - *Answer honestly. Consider how God's Word speaks into your life, and what it might look like to respond.*
4. **Confess** - *Confession and repentance are signs of maturity. We meet one another with grace, not shame.*
5. **Encourage** - *Practical advice is helpful, but truth is better. Speak the gospel into each other's hearts and stories.*

COMMENTARY EXCERPT:

None this week.