



## 11/29 - Small Group Questions Week Twelve: Prayer

1. Read Psalm 88:13- One of the first things we studied in the Believe series was the idea that God is a personal God. That being true, we also believe therefore that God is involved in and cares about our daily lives. Because He is personal, I can communicate with Him. That is prayer. As we start this new section of Believe that answers the question, "What should I do?", we will find the answer in the actions of Jesus. Discuss how Jesus worshipped and prayed.
2. Read Mark 1:35- I want you to notice several things from this text.
  - a. Prayer was a priority - Jesus was up early and started his day with prayer.
  - b. Jesus understood the importance of solitude.
  - c. He prayed - we don't know the content but we do know he spoke with God.

If Jesus practiced/needed this time with the Father, do we? Discuss the following statement and ask whether it is a positive or negative statement. "I have my time with the Lord in the morning and then just go about my day." We should open our day in prayer to set the tone for the rest of the day in which we continue to talk with the Lord.

3. Do you pray? If not, why not? We should pray for several areas when we come before the Lord.
  - a. We should pray for our will to line up with God's. God and his will become our priority. It demonstrates submission to him and his purposes.
  - b. We should "cast all our cares upon him." We place these burdens before the Lord and give them to the Lord demonstrating our dependence, our trust in His care for us, and relieving our burdens.
  - c. We should pray for wisdom in our decision making. James 1:5 promises us wisdom. By asking God for this, we are acknowledging that we do not have the answers but believe he does!
  - d. We should pray for others. Their walk with the Lord, their well being, their salvation, their burdens, and their joys can all be a part of our prayers.

Most of us know all these things and much more about prayer. It is simply a conversation in which we come before the Lord with all our requests, concerns, and joys and then wait for His reply. It is a conversation with God.