



PART 1: BEGIN WITH WHO

INTRODUCTION

As children, many of us were taught to say our prayers. As we get older we wonder, why should I pray? How should I pray? Does praying even work? Is there a right and wrong way to pray? Jesus's disciples had the exact same questions. And Jesus patiently waited for them to ask, "teach me to pray."

KEY SCRIPTURE

Luke 11:1

Luke 18:13

Psalms 46:10

Matthew 6:5-10

Luke 18:1

Matthew 6:33

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How did you learn to pray? Was it modeled for you? Were you taught specific prayers as a child?
2. Have you ever attempted to pray your way out of a situation you behaved your way into? Have you ever attempted to bargain with God?
3. What about now? Do you pray? Where do you pray? When do you pray?
4. Read Matthew 6:8. If God already knows all of our needs, why do we pray? Why did Jesus pray?
5. Read Matthew 6:9. What, if anything, makes it difficult for you to relate to God as a loving Father?
6. When we pause to reflect on who God is, we gain a better understanding of who we are and why we're here. What will you do this week to create time and space in your prayer life to slow down and reflect on who God is?
7. Pastor Will taught that the purpose of prayer is to surrender our will, not to impose it—that through prayer we align ourselves with God's will. Do you agree or disagree? Why?
8. What, if any, reservations do you have about: "Thy will be done"?

MOVING FORWARD

Application Prayer: Heavenly Father, before I ask for anything else, I want you to know that I want what you want. I surrender my kingdom to yours.