



HEARD

Community Group Discussion Guide

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Week 3 | How To Be Effective In Prayer
Selected Scripture

Introduction

The third question in this three week series asks: How can I make my prayer as effective as possible? This is a strategic question to ask because of the impact prayer can have for the good of many people.

Questions for Study

1. When you think of times of prayer in your own life, what would you say have made those times most satisfying?
2. Are there any times when prayer has been confusing or disappointing for you? If yes, what would say made it that way for you?
3. If you could ask God any question about prayer, what would it be?
4. How big a part does praise and gratitude to God play in your normal prayer life?
5. If someone were to ask you how to bring praise and gratitude into their prayer, what would you say has been most helpful for you to make this happen?
6. Read Matthew 17:14-20. What does this passage teach us about faith? What does it teach us about prayer?
7. Jesus makes an amazing promise in John 15:7. What is it? What is the condition he gives for this promise to be fulfilled? What does this teach us about prayer?
8. If you have a plan, write down your current plan for making prayer a consistent part of your life.
9. If you don't have a plan, think about 2015 and what you can do to make prayer a daily discipline. Write this down.
10. What do you think Paul means when he encourages the Thessalonians to pray continually?

"Pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:17,18.
12. Read Psalm 66:18 and James 5:16. What do these two verses tell us about prayer?