

"PRAYER . . . COMMUNICATION WITH GOD"
Selected Scriptures

1. Share a thought from last week's lesson/lecture.

DAY 1 "The Privilege of Prayer" – PURPOSE AND POWER

2. What is our privilege of prayer in these Scriptures?
 - a. Hebrews 10:19-23
 - b. Isaiah 65:24
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 - a. The purpose of prayer is what from 1 Chronicles 16:11?
 - b. From your own experience, list one to four reasons why you pray.
4. On the basis of Acts 4:
 - a. What was the problem facing the apostles?
 - b. For what did they pray in Acts 4:29-30?
 - c. What happened in Acts 4:31?
5. How does the Holy Spirit help us with our prayers according to Romans 8:26-27?
6. Prayer power is promised. Write these Scriptures.
 - a. Jeremiah 33:3
 - b. Matthew 18:19
 - c. Luke 11:9
 - d. John 15:7
7. Do you think those Scriptures mean that God will always say "yes" to everything you ask Him? Please explain.

DAY 2 "The Praise of Prayer" – ADORATION

8. a. Why should we praise God from these Scriptures?
Jeremiah 32:17
- Psalm 139:14
- Psalm 150:2
- 1 John 4:10
- b. When should we praise the Lord in Psalm 146:2?
9. a. What are some ways we can praise and adore Him from Psalm 149:1-5?
- b. . . . from Hebrews 13:15?
10. The Psalms are full of praise to God. Read Psalm 8 and find several reasons why David praised God.

DAY 3 "The Penitence of Prayer" CONFESSION

11. What will hinder fellowship with God from Isaiah 59:2?
12. Psalm 51 was David's prayer after he'd sinned with Bathsheba. What did David conclude about . . .
- a. his guilt (vs.4)?
- b. what God wanted (vs.6)?
- c. God's mercy (vs.17)?
13. What action should a repentant person take according to these Scriptures?
- a. Isaiah 55:7?
- b. Proverbs 28:13?
- c. 1 John 1:9?
14. God's forgiveness to true repentance is expressed in Psalm 103:12 as _____
15. Rejoice as you write 1 John 1:7.

DAY 4 "The Pleasure of Prayer" – THANKSGIVING

16. It is God's good pleasure to give His children gifts and blessings. Spend your time today listing "the top ten" blessings in your life right now.
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| 1) | 6) |
| 2) | 7) |
| 3) | 8) |
| 4) | 9) |
| 5) | 10) |
17. What are some of the spiritual gifts He has entrusted to you? (If you need help see the lists in Romans 12:6-8, 1 Corinthians 12:4-11, Ephesians 4:11-13 and 1 Peter 4:8-11)
18. For all He has given you, write a "thank you" note to your Heavenly Father. Share it with your group if you will.

DAY 5 "The Petition of Prayer" – SUPPLICATION

19. Asking can take two forms . . . for others and for ourselves.
- a. For whom did these Bible personalities make intercession?
Abraham (Genesis 18:22-33)
Moses (Exodus 32:9-14)
Job (Job 42:7-10)
Jesus (Luke 22:32)
 - b. What was Paul's personal prayer in 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 and God's answer?
20. a. How long do you think we should pray for someone or something? (See Luke 18:1-8)
- b. Why do you think God honors prevailing prayer?
21. Sometimes the answer to prayer is "wait." Meanwhile, what is our comfort from Isaiah 41:10?

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LECTURE NOTES:

PRAYER REQUESTS: