

*Concord Church – The Bridge Bible Study*

## **“Prayer”**

Matt 6:5-15

- Prayer is \_\_\_\_\_ to a healthy relationship with God. (*Matt 6:5*)
  - Jesus expects us to pray.
  - The practice of prayer is traced throughout Scripture.
  - Luke 18:1; Col 4:2; 1 Thess. 5:17
  - We need prayer desperately
  
- Why do so many believers struggle at prayer?
  - Lack of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Lack of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Lack of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Lack of sense of nearness of God.
  
- Prayer is a learned practice.
  - Luke 11:1 “Lord, teach us to pray.”
  - A daily consistent \_\_\_\_\_ for prayer is helpful.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ is a good way to begin prayer time. (*Ps 5:1*)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ can be helpful to your prayer time.
  - Partner praying / Family praying / Couple praying
  
- Prayer is a \_\_\_\_\_ matter. (*Matt 6:5*)
  
- Prayer must be \_\_\_\_\_. (*Matt 6:8*)
  
- Prayer begins with a \_\_\_\_\_. (*Matt 6:9-10*)
  
- Prayer invites God into our \_\_\_\_\_. (*Matt 6:11-13*)
  
- Prayer and \_\_\_\_\_ are closely connected. (*Matt 6:14-15*)

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### **Small Group Questions**

1. *Introduce yourselves to your group members*
2. *Describe your current prayer life.*
3. *What is your greatest hindrance to prayer?*
4. *What have you learned about prayer during this week of prayer?*
5. *Which principle from today's teaching spoke to you?*
6. *Read Luke 18:1-8, what do we learn about prayer?*

### **Adoration**

- Psalm 111
- Pause to express your thoughts of praise and worship

### **Confession**

- Psalm 139:23
- Ask the Lord to search your heart and reveal areas of unconfessed sin.  
Acknowledge them before God and thank him for forgiveness.

### **Renewal**

- Psalm 1
- Lord, renew my spirit for this new year.

### **Requests**

- Personal needs
  - My relationship with God
  - My prayer time
  - My bible study
  - My needs
- Concord Church
  - For us to grow people
  - For us to reach people for Christ
  - For us to have a greater impact
- Great Expectations
  - For me to give weekly for our expansion project
  - For the project to finish on time and under budget
- Pastor Carter
  - Walk with God
  - His ministry to us
  - Sis. Carter
  - Their family

### **Weekly Prayer Agenda**

Sunday – Pastor & Family

Monday – Me

Tuesday – Family

Wednesday – Extended Family

Thursday – Concord Church

Friday – Unbelievers

Saturday –