



Talking With God

APRIL 25 & 26, 2015

Last week's message introduced a series on prayer launching from the disciples request of Jesus, "Lord, teach us to pray." This week we move beyond the questions about why we should pray and look more deeply into the model of prayer Jesus offered. The message this week reaffirms the value of prayer and offers insight into the unique relationship God The Father has with us as his people.

WITH THE GROUP



LEARNING | BEGINNING TO CONNECT WITH THE TOPIC

What is your journey with prayer? Can you identify 2-4 points when your journey shifted or grew?



LEARNING | GETTING CLEAR ON WHAT WAS TAUGHT

What were some of the different "Names of God" Pastor Garth referenced in the sermon? How could knowing these names help your prayer experience? (Hint: Google "Names of God" if you don't remember.)



LOVING | GROWING OUR HEART FOR A LOVING GOD

What part of the sermon was the most meaningful, challenging or helpful for you?

What is the depth and significance of the expression "Our Father"? How does this inform or change our approach to prayer?



LIVING | STARTING TO LIVE LIKE JESUS DAILY

What hurdle holds you back most: Not knowing why to pray? Not knowing how to pray? Not knowing if prayer really changes things? What do you think will help you overcome that hurdle?

Who has taught you the most about prayer? Is there anyone who encourages you or helps you pray more effectively?

DIGGING DEEPER

Write out the Lord's Prayer in your own words in order to expand the meaning of familiar language. Is there one part (as you re-wrote it) that you sensed God was highlighting for you to notice? How does using your own words help this prayer become more real to you?