

## Prayer

What is Prayer?

Prayer is talking with God in a two-way conversation. To pray is to center your heart and mind on God.

Read Psalm 40:1

What stands out to you in this scripture?

Read Luke 11:1-13

In verses 2-4 Jesus gives us the structure of how we ought to pray, not what we need to repeat exactly every time we pray.

“hallowed be thy name” we are telling God how Holy and amazing He is. (PRAISE)

“give us this day our daily bread” trust God to meet our needs (TRUST & NEED FOR GOD)

“forgive us our sins” we are repenting of our sin and asking God to forgive us. (REPENTENCE)

“we ourselves also forgive” we are forgiving those who have wronged us. (FORGIVE)

“lead us not into temptation” we are asking God to protect us in times of testing our faith (STRENGTH)

In verses 5-8 what is Jesus teaching the disciples about prayer?

What things in your life require “persistent” prayer? Take some time to think about this question. Then share with the group and pray together for those needs.

In verses 9-13 what is Jesus teaching about God the Father and the way he sees us when we pray?

A great way to start praying is thanking Him (PRAISE). Here are some examples of praising God.

“Thank you for my ability to speak!”

“Thank you for sending your son Jesus to pay the price for my sin!”

“Thank you for hearing my prayer!”

What are other prayers you can pray to God?