

## Life Group Discussion Guide

Message: "Prayer"

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### Message Notes

Prayer is communicating with God.

God wants us to pray.

#### Pray prayers that are honest .

I will say to God, 'Don't simply condemn me—tell me the charge you are bringing against me. What do you gain by oppressing me? Why do you reject me, the work of your own hands, while smiling on the schemes of the wicked?' **Job 10:2–3 (NLT)**

How long, O LORD, must I call for help? But you do not listen! "Violence is everywhere!" I cry, but you do not come to save. Must I forever see these evil deeds? Why must I watch all this misery? Wherever I look, I see destruction and violence. I am surrounded by people who love to argue and fight. The law has become paralyzed, and there is no justice in the courts. The wicked far outnumber the righteous, so that justice has become perverted. **Habakkuk 1:2–4 (NLT)**

"When you pray, don't be like the hypocrites who love to pray publicly on street corners and in the synagogues where everyone can see them. I tell you the truth, that is all the reward they will ever get. But when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father in private. Then your Father, who sees everything, will reward you. "When you pray, don't babble on and on as the Gentiles do. They think their prayers are answered merely by repeating their words again and again. Don't be like them, for your Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask him!" **Matthew 6:5–8 (NLT)**

#### Pray prayers that are constant.

Never stop praying. **1 Thessalonians 5:17 (NLT)**

Pray prayers that are persistent.

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For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. “You parents—if your children ask for a loaf of bread, do you give them a stone instead? Or if they ask for a fish, do you give them a snake? Of course not! So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask him. **Matthew 7:8–11 (NLT)**

God welcomes the testing of His generosity.

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Pray prayers that are dependent.

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Pray like this: Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy. May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us today the food we need, and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us. And don't let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one. **Matthew 6:9–13 (NLT)**

God answers prayer.

God gives us what is good, not always what is asked for.

Sometimes, God's answer is “No”

Sometimes, God's answer is “Slow”

Sometimes, God's answer is “Grow”

Sometimes, God's answer is “Go”

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## Four Questions

LEARN: *What am I learning? What am I curious about? What questions do I have?*

LIVE: *What thoughts/habits/desires do I need to adopt or surrender  
so I can experience the abundant life Jesus gives?*



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LOVE: *How will this empower me to love God (with all my heart, soul, mind and strength),  
love myself (as Jesus loves me), and love my neighbor (as I love myself)?*

LEAD: *How is God calling me to lead people into  
a growing relationship with Jesus Christ?*