



Week 10 – Prayer

Being a disciple of Jesus is all about having and enjoying a relationship with God. Prayer very simply is about the practice of that relationship. What would you say you have learned so far about making prayer an essential part of your life?

What are some questions that you have at this point about prayer?

Read the great story that we find in **Luke 15: 11-32**.

With this father representing God in this story, talk about how we should view God as we come to him in prayer, and what that means to you.

Psalm 42:1-2 and 62:1-2

Discuss what these passages are teaching us about our relationship with God.

Hebrews 4: 14-16

Not everyone comes to God with confidence. What does this passage have to say about that? What makes this possible for us?

Matthew 26: 36-44

What do we learn from Jesus about what attitude to bring to prayer? Talk about why this attitude is so essential?

Maybe you have heard of the ACTS acronym as a guide to prayer.

A is for adoration as we tell God why we appreciate him.

C is for confession as we confess our sins to him and ask for his power in overcoming.

T is for Thanksgiving as we mention things that are real blessings in our lives.

S is for supplication in which we ask God's specific help in different areas for ourselves or other people.

Try practicing praying an ACTS prayer and see how it works for you.