

WHY PRAY?

Sermon Discussion Questions

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Have you looked at prayer as a magic wand, a fire extinguisher, a spiritual tug of war between you and God, or a religious duty? Using one of these descriptions or creating a new one, how would you describe your prayer life?

WHAT PRAYER IS:

Listed below are four aspects of prayer. Discuss each one and share with the group what spoke to you most from this sermon. What did you learn? How were you convicted? What needs to change in your prayer life?

- **Confession** – Devotion and dependence on God. "... apart from Me you can do nothing." (John 15:5,6)
- **Communication** – Red phone to God; friend to friend. "When you fully discover how much God loves you, prayer will no longer be a problem." –D.Welsh
- **Blessing** – "Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart". Psalm 37:4
"God never shuts His storehouses until you shut your mouth." – C.H. Spurgeon
- **Partnership** – Jesus says, "If you will ask, I will answer".
"Prayer is limitless in its power. People may reject your appeals, reject your arguments, reject you as a person, but they're totally defenseless against your prayers." - D. Welsh

APPLICATION:

- Ask your child, spouse or a friend if you can pray with them for a specific need this week. Check back with them about it.
- Praying to God comes easier if you believe He loves you and wants to spend time with you. This week meditate on one or all of the following verses about God's love and commitment to you. Romans 8:38,39, Proverbs 8:17, Psalm 91:15, Psalm 121:4,5.