



Prayer

and Discipleship



Recap

Foundations

1. Alongsiders are amateurs.
2. Alongsiders love God.
3. Alongsiders understand the goal.
4. Alongsiders pray.

Why should we pray?

- **God tells us to pray.**

- “Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” (1 Thessalonians 5:16–18)
- “Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.” (Romans 12:12)

Why should we pray?

- **God invites us to be a part of His plan through prayer.**
 - “And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.” (1 John 5:14-15)

Why should we pray?

- **God wants to bless us and teach us through prayer.**
 - “Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” (Hebrews 4:16)
 - “If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!” (Matthew 7:11)

DISCUSS

What has God taught you through prayer?

Examples of Prayer

- **Jesus prioritized prayer.**

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What do we learn about prayer from the life of Jesus?

(See Chapter 4 – Questions 1-3)

Examples of Prayer

- **Jesus prioritized prayer.**
 - He prayed often and fervently.
 - He prayed in isolation and He prayed with others.
 - He prayed for God's will and for the big picture.

LET'S PRAY!

- **Pray for one another's requests.**
- **Pray for spiritual growth for one another.**
- **Pray that God would bring each of you someone to disciple.**

HOMEWORK

- **Memorize Matthew 28:18-20**
- **Read Matthew 6:5-14 and consider how God wants you to grow in your prayer life**
- **Commit to pray 5 times (5 different days)**