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MAY KNOW HIM BETTER

All of us, at some point in our lives, realize that we can't do it on our own. That is why prayer is our best work.

MEETING AGENDA

ICEBREAKER (10 MINUTES)

Besides prayer, what is one thing you feel you should be doing more of in your life? (Ex. Exercising, A Hobby, Sleeping, etc.)

INTRODUCTION (5-10 MINUTES)

Anchor Verses: Luke 11:1-13

This week we will look at an interaction between the disciples and Jesus in the book of Luke and see how prayer is the key to everything we need to be and do with God.

INTO THE WORD (25 MINUTES)

1. Read Mark 1:35, Luke 6:12, and Luke 11:1. Do you think prayer is vital to your life? Why or why not?
2. Read Luke 11:2-4 and Matthew 6:9-13. What sticks out to you about what Jesus says regarding prayer in these two passages?
3. Read John 14-15, Ephesians 6:18. Prayer has five essential aspects.
 - a. It reminds us that God is enough on His own
 - b. It reminds us that He has the final say
 - c. It reorders the loves/priorities in our lives.
 - d. It lets God work on our inner lives to change our outer lives.
 - e. It provides strength and perspective in suffering.

Of the five areas listed, which ones stick out to you the most and why?

APPLICATION (25 MINUTES)

1. Read Philippians 1:9-11, Colossians 4:2, and 1 Timothy 2:1-2. What is one way that you want to grow when it comes to prayer over the course of this series?
2. Read Luke 11:9-13 and James 1:17. We can pray boldly because:
 - a. God desires a friendship with us
 - b. God is always available and waiting
 - c. God always gives us anything we need for our spiritual welfareWhat areas in your life do you need to be praying boldly in?

Prayer Prompts (5-10 MINUTES)

Adoration - Praising God for who He is [Psalm 110:5, Exodus 34:6-7]

1. As a group, spend 5 minutes sharing the characteristics of God you are most thankful for. Afterward, close out your night in prayer, praising God for the attributes your group came up with.
2. Of the list of the names of God provided, reflect on two of the names listed this week and incorporate this into your prayers throughout the week. Next week share which names of God you chose.
 - Elohim: Creator, Mighty and Strong [Genesis 17:7, Jeremiah 31:33]
 - Yahweh – Jireh: The Lord Will Provide [Genesis 22:14]
 - Yahweh – Rapha: The Lord Who Heals [Exodus 15:26]
 - Yahweh – M'Kaddesh: The Lord Who Sanctifies, Makes Holy [Leviticus 20:8, Ezekiel 37:28]
 - Yahweh – Rohi: The Lord Our Shepherd [Psalm 23:1]
 - El Roi – God of Seeing [Genesis 16:13]

For more names of God, see <https://www.gotquestions.org/names-of-God.html>

PRAYER (10 MINUTES)

Dear heavenly Father, we thank you for who you are. May your will be done both in the world and in our lives. Give us what we need today as we cultivate a life of prayer. Lord, forgive us for the ways we fall short, and help us to forgive others as they fall short as well. Help us to pray boldly for those things in our lives that we need you to come through on. We pray all these things in Your excellent name. Amen.