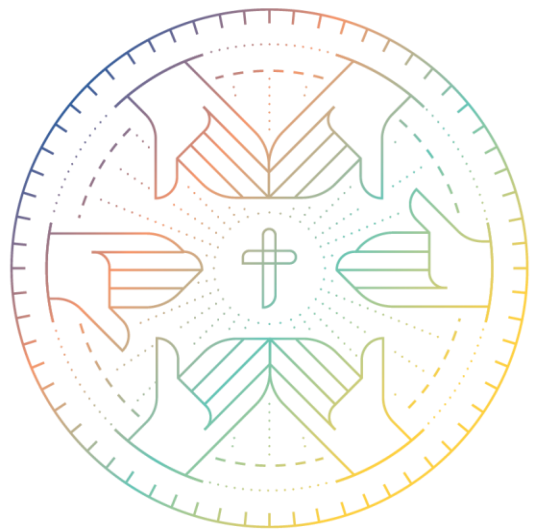


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## ICEBREAKER (10 MINUTES)

If you could ask Jesus one question about prayer, what would it be?

Or

Share a meaningful prayer experience.

## INTRODUCTION (5-10 MINUTES)

God invites us into a conversation with Him through prayer, a practice that not only connects us with Him but also transforms us from within.

What most stood out to you from this week's sermon?

## INTO THE WORD (20 MINUTES)

**Read Matthew 11:28-30.** How does Jesus' invitation to come to Him when we are weary or burdened influence your approach to prayer, especially during difficult times?

**Read John 17:1-5.** How does Jesus' prayer for glorification help us to recognize the purpose of our own prayers?

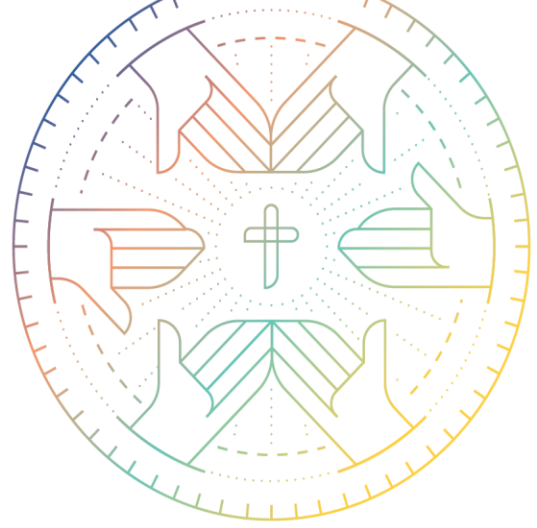
**Read Philippians 2:9-11.** How does acknowledging Jesus as Lord overall, as described in these verses, shape the way we ought to pray?

**Read Hebrews 10:19-22, Ephesians 1:13 and 1 John 5:14.** How does understanding the benefits of the New Covenant – direct access to God, forgiveness of sins, the indwelling Holy Spirit, and God's faithfulness-impact your confidence and approach to prayer?

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## APPLICATION (15 MINUTES)

How does knowing that Jesus intercedes for you change your prayers?

Pastor Paul talked about how Jesus is our friend, and He longs to meet us in prayer even if we are unaware of it. How can you create space in your daily life to cultivate this awareness?

## DAILY THIS WEEK

The book of Psalms is a book of prayer. Start each day this week praying one of the Psalms back to God. Some suggested Psalms are Psalm 122, Psalm 23, Psalm 1, Psalm 100, Psalm 34, Psalm 51.

Set an alarm each day at a certain time to remind you to pray for God's will in a specific area of your life.

## PRAYER (10 MINUTES)

*Lord Jesus, we thank You that You are the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, reigning with power and authority. As we come to You in prayer, fill our hearts with confidence and trust in Your supreme sovereignty. Remind us daily of our place in Your New Covenant and the assurance that our prayers are heard by You. Help us to draw near with boldness, knowing You intercede on our behalf. May our lives be anchored in Your unfailing love. In Jesus name, Amen.*