



When We Pray Lesson 1 Discussion Guide

1. "Every believer may not be called to preach behind a pulpit, but every Christian is called to pray."
 - Why is it vital for *every* believer to pray daily?

2. Many Christians regard prayer as an "optional activity." Why is this view unhealthy and detrimental to have as a believer?

3. What thoughts or obstacles in your life keep you from implementing the habit of praying daily?

4. We learned in the lesson that cultivating a prayer life is a "discipline" which means you may not always feel like it. In what ways can you plan to start intentionally forming the habit of prayer into your week?

5. In Matthew 26:40-41 Jesus said, "Could you not tarry (watch) with me one hour? Keep watch and pray, so that you will not give in to temptation. For the spirit is willing, but the flesh (body) is weak!" How can a strong prayer life keep us from giving into temptation?

6. Dr Cho said the secret to his successful ministry was "I pray, and I obey." What would happen in your life if you consistently prayed and obeyed? How might your life and relationship with God and others be different?



When We Pray LG Lesson 2 Discussion Guide

1. Jesus gave us Five Covenant Blessings as New Testament Christians. Which Covenant Blessing connects and uplifts you the most? Why?
 - All our sins are forgiven and sin no longer has dominion over us. **Rev 1:5 & Rom 6:14**
 - We can boldly enter the most holy place and our bodies are now God's temple! **1Cor 6:19 & Heb 10:19**
 - By Christ's wounds and sufferings, we are healed and made whole – spiritually, physically, mentally, and emotionally. Jesus is the great physician.
 - Jesus has made us free from the law of sin and death, now He always causes us to triumph in Christ! **2 Cor 2:14 & Rom 8:2**
 - Finally, the Blood promises us we are free from the fear of death and hell. Jesus has abolished death and has brought eternal life and light to his followers. **2Tim 1:10**
2. Our lesson discussed the character and nature of God revealed in His name. God is **righteousness**, He **sanctifies** us (to declare holy), He is **peace**, He is **present** with us, He **restores**, He is **provider**, He is our **deliverer**, & He is our **shepherd**.
 - What part of God's character do you feel you need most at this season of your life?
3. Why is it beneficial to begin our time in prayer by recognizing and praising God?
4. Why is it important to pray in the name of Jesus?
5. How does focusing on God's unchanging character bring power to our prayers and our lives?
6. What promise(s) of God do you want to declare over your life in prayer this week?



When We Pray LG Lesson 3 Discussion Guide

1. Do you allow God to fully reign over every part of your life?
 - If so, how does your lifestyle make it evident?
 - If he does not have complete control in certain areas, why do you think that is?

2. We know that God's promises are true and available to us.
 - What are some current needs that you are bringing to the Lord that you can transform instead, to declarations of FAITH?

3. What does the prayer, *"Your Kingdom come. Your will be done"* mean to you personally? How can you practice this prayer?

4. What do you want to pray over the four priority areas this week?
 - Yourself (*i.e. God help me to reflect your character and spirit to others*)
 - Your Family (*i.e. God cover my family with your protection*)
 - Your Church (*i.e. God bring in the harvest and give us faithful laborers*)
 - Your Nation (*i.e. God bring our Nation back to you, and heal our land*)

5. Being a Christian means choosing daily to live a separate and holy life unto God. This takes perseverance, determination, and daily surrender to God's will. The Apostle Paul commanded us to *"fight the good fight of faith"* 1 Timothy 6:12.
 - What ACTION can you take to stand against Satan's attacks this week? (i.e. intercessory prayer, witnessing to someone, fasting, giving more, worshipping more, etc.).

When We Pray LG Lesson 4 Discussion Guide

1. How would you define having “religion” as compared to having a “relationship” with God?
 - What benefits come with having a personal relationship with God?
2. It is vital that we have healthy relationships in a local church as the Bible commands.
 - Why is faithfulness to your church and fellowship with others necessary to being a healthy Christian?
3. A huge component to being in God’s will is living a balanced life. We know that time equals life, so where does the majority of your time go?
 - What changes could you make to live a more balanced life? (*i.e. God-Family-Work-Rest*).
4. Your money is a physical product of your time. It is the value extracted from hours given to your work. The Bible speaks more on money, possessions, and stewardship than any other subject.
 - Why is obeying God’s command to tithe and give so important in Biblical teachings?
 - What benefits come when we give unselfishly?
5. Jesus instructed us to say, “Give us today our daily bread.” He knows your needs and circumstances may change day to day. God wants us to be specific and tenacious when we pray.
 - As we close, what specific need or request do you have that we can pray over as a group?



When We Pray LG Lesson 5 Discussion Guide

1. When someone hurts you, why is it Christlike to forgive them? What does our flesh want to do instead?
2. Think about the King's response to the Servant in the parable who did not forgive the small debt.
 - Why do you think God refuses to give mercy to people who refuse to forgive?
3. What is the overall message of the Unforgiving Servant parable?
 - What other Bible stories remind us about the importance of forgiveness?
4. *"Forgive us our debt, as we forgive our debtors".*
 - What actions can you take to live this prayer in your daily lives?
5. **Bonus:** We live in a time where "being offended" or having a person to blame for our misfortunes is common.
 - How does today's lesson give us a tool for living in such a world?



When We Pray LG Lesson 6 Discussion Guide

1. What are some of the temptations that Christians deal with today?
 - Are there more than the early disciples had to deal with? Explain.
2. **"Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand"**. What does it mean to stand as a Christian?
3. Outside of the church, what does the world teach us about temptation?
4. The whole armor of God is made up of the belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, feet fitted with the readiness of the gospel of peace, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation and the sword of the spirit.
 - Which piece of armor do you use the most?
 - Which piece do you need to learn more about?
5. Our strength is often tied to our connection with our church family.
 - How can we support fellow Christians to "stand" strong in today's world?



When We Pray LG Lesson 7 Discussion Guide

1. The Lord's Prayer ends with a statement of praise.
 - What do you think is the purpose of praising God at the end of the prayer?
2. Explain in your own words what it means to be "ambassadors of God's Kingdom."
3. Because God's Kingdom rule is eternal, what are specific areas of control you can and should give over to God now?
4. Christians are exhorted to gloriously affirm God's power.
 - What examples can you share that affirms God's power in your life?
5. The ultimate goal of our lives is to glorify God and enjoy his presence forever.
 - What connection is there between praise and God's presence?
 - How can praise change our attitude and focus?



When We Pray LG Lesson 8 Discussion Guide

1. Jesus established a pattern of prayer. It was the primary focus of His life. What are the benefits of creating a daily prayer pattern for your life?
2. Interruptions and busyness are hindrances to prayer. Have you established a place of solitude where you can pray without distractions? If so, where? If not, where can you start?
 - a. How is praying at your place of solitude different from praying at other locations?
3. Why is having a set time of prayer important? If wandering thoughts, distractions, or busyness hinder your prayers, why may early Morning Prayer be beneficial?
 - a. *Remember: Whether you choose morning, midday, or evening, it is imperative that you have a set time and place to pray.*
4. How have you combated the enemy of drowsiness during your personal prayer time?
5. Often times, our prayer lives will not be defined by tears and great emotion. Why is it important to continue our prayer pattern in spite of this?

Bonus:

6. Why is it important to allow yourself to be led by the Holy Spirit during your prayer time?
7. Share of a time when you have been led by the Holy Spirit into travelling, intercession, or making bold declarations of faith.

Prayer Resources: "Could you not tarry one hour" by Larry Lea, "The Hour that Changes the World" by Dick Eastman, and "Prayer Life" by Spirit and Truth Ministries