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sermon notes



WHAT IS PRAYER

Isaiah 65:1-5

1. Prayer is a _____ to God.
(Genesis 3:8-13)

a. We _____ (Isaiah 65:1)

b. We _____ (Isaiah 65:1)

c. We _____ (Isaiah 65:2)

2. Prayer is _____ from our
hearts. (Psalm 139:4)

a. God _____ (Zephaniah 3:9)

b. God _____ (Jeremiah 33:3)

Teach Us to Pray Study Guide #1 7/9/17
Isaiah 65:1-5 “What is Prayer”

7 Questions for study and discussion, 1 Prayer Method

1. What is a biblical definition of prayer?
(See Jeremiah 29:12-14)
2. Who did you watch growing up that knew how to pray? When did your family normally pray together (when you were growing up and/or when you were raising your family)?
3. Who taught you how to pray? What is the first prayer you remember praying? Who is the first person you remembering praying with? What is the benefit in praying with someone else? (See Matthew 18:19-20)
4. Read Isaiah 65:1-5. We read in these verses that God has worked in the lives of people who did not seek Him. Isaiah tells us that God has worked in the lives of people living in rebellion and sin. How has God revealed Himself to you both in times of rebellion and also in times of obedience?
5. How have your prayers changed over the years? What has had to change in your heart? (See Proverbs 3:5-6, Mark 11:24-25, Matthew 6:6-8)

6. How has God's Word helped you to trust that God hears your prayers? (Matthew 6:6, Psalm 139:4, Jeremiah 33:3).

7. What are some guides/tools that you have used to pray?

Each week during this series, we plan to include a practical help to support each of us learning and developing our prayer times. The Methods can be shared with children, with family members and even friends. The key: setting aside specific time each day to seek God.

Prayer Method of the Week: FINGER METHOD

--Allow each of your 5 fingers to be a reminder to lead you through a process of praying for others first and yourself last.

Thumb: Pray for those closest to you.

Pointing Finger: Pray for those who guide us: parents, pastors, teachers, doctors, mentors.

Middle Finger (tallest one): Pray for those who lead us: government, civic, and business leaders, police and firefighters.

Ring Finger (weakest one): Pray for those who are weak: the poor, sick, disabled, infants, homeless, the powerless, the persecuted.

Pinkie (the smallest, the least): Pray for yourself.