

Discussion Questions for 1-22-2012:

1. When you think about your experience with prayer what thoughts/experiences come to mind?
2. Finish this statement, "When I think about prayer I feel \_\_\_\_\_"
3. Why do you think prayer is something that can be intimidating to us?
4. On a scale of 1 to 10 (with 10 being the highest) how would you rate your "prayer life"?
5. This week we talked about some common "misconceptions" related to prayer. These "misconceptions" were seeing prayer as:

A Magic Wand

A First Aide Kit

A Game of Tug of War

A Religious Duty

Which of these "misconceptions" are you most likely to find yourself believing? Why? What is the end result of living this "misconception" out in your life?

6. Why is it important for us to see that prayer is not a sign of "weakness" but rather is meant to be part of God's plan develop a "cooperative strength" with Him in our lives?
7. As you re-read this list how many of these are true statements in your life? What does this say to you? Which of these statements is the most challenging to you?

8. This week we talked about 4 Purposes of Prayer. That prayer is an act of:

Dedication

Communication

Supplication

Submission

What are your thoughts about these purposes? Why is it important to keep these things in mind when we pray? How can you do a better job of applying these purposes to your prayer life?

9. Read Matthew 20:30-33. Why do you think Jesus asked these blind men, "What do you want me to do for you?" What is it that you would like for God to do for you? Stop right now and take a few minutes to communicate this to Him!!

10. What are the biggest issues or needs in your life currently? Spend some time praying for these needs as a group?

**Final thought:** With your group pray God will help you develop a deeper relationship with Him through prayer. Set aside a time each day over the next week to spend time talking with God.