

REFLECTION QUESTIONS (1-29-2012):

1. Do you have any interesting stories / life experiences that have to do with prayer?
2. Read Luke 11:1. What things do you think the disciples saw in Jesus' life that prompted them to ask this question? What was it about those things that caused the disciples to have a passion to know how to pray?
3. Can you say that you have this same desire in your life? How important do you believe it is to consistently pray? How consistently do you pray?
4. There is a lot of confusion related to the topic of prayer. This week I shared that I have felt over the years there are two challenges that many people are concerned about when it comes to prayer. (Getting God to listen & finding the secret to releasing God's blessings on our lives) Have you experienced these concerns in your life? Explain your thoughts and feelings about this.
5. Read Luke 18:1-8. This is a story that Jesus told to help us understand the heart of our Heavenly Father and truth about prayer. Read verse 1 again. What did Jesus say was the purpose of this story? Are you praying persistently? Why / Why not?
6. Take a closer look at Luke 18:6-8. What do these verses say about the way God responds to our prayers? When you think about the things you are dealing with currently, what do these verses say to you?
7. I shared some "Take-A-Ways" from this story that Jesus told.
Instead of WORRYING – PRAY!
Instead of QUITTING – PRAY!
Instead of DOUBTING – PRAY!
Which of these was the most important for you to hear? How does this challenge you & what can you do this week to respond to the challenge?
8. Read James 1:6-7. What main things stick out to you from these verses? How does this apply to you and your prayer life?
9. I concluded this week talking about how God may answer your prayers:

QUICKLY
LATER
BETTER
NO

What thoughts come to your mind when you think about how God responds to our prayers? Is this encouraging or discouraging? Why? How will this change the way you pray?
10. Share with our group or if you are reflecting alone take time to write, any prayer needs that you may have. Spend time as you finish your group or time of personal reflection praying for these needs and also pray that God will continue to help you as you develop your capacity for prayer. Please also pray for God's continued favor on your life and on our church!