

HomeGroup Discussion Guide November 28-December 4, 2021

The Soul of Community - A Praying Community

Devotion: The Bible is full of invitations to prayer. We read countless scriptures that instruct us to petition, to boldly approach the throne, to offer up prayers with thanksgiving, to cry out to God and to ask him to move on our behalf. Prayer is the connection between God and his people. Prayer moves the heart of God and brings freedom to the inner workings of the human heart. God designed prayer and we are a praying community.

Billy Graham describes prayer as "a way of life, not just for use in cases of emergency. Make it a habit, and when the need arises you will be in practice." - Billy Graham. We all have our own relationship with God and our own process of prayer. Some of us may spend time sitting before the Lord daily, others may pray as they are driving kids around or taking a brisk walk. Prayer can take place in a simple acknowledgement that God is present or in a dedicated time of reflection. However your prayer time might present itself, God is meeting you in all of it.

Our community is simply the gathering of people who each carry a history of prayer with God. When we come together on Sundays, or for home group or bible study, we get to link arms and witness the convergence of all that God has done for each of us multiplied in our numbers. We are a people that pray and we serve a God who answers our prayers.

Scripture – **Read Jeremiah 33:3** "Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know."

- Question 1: What does your prayer life look like?
- Question 2: What hinders you from praying?
- Question 3: How has praying with others impacted your prayer life?

How is it with your soul? (Go around and share as you look back to the "good and the bad" of this week and then look forward to what you can do or where you want to see God move this week.)

- o Where have you seen God this week?
- o Where have you struggled this week?
- o How can you be open to God/the Holy Spirit this week?

Prayers