



BiG iDEA C-GROUP DiSCUSSiON GiDE

C-Groups that focus on the Big Idea for the week can use this guide to apply the message to life and take action. Feel free to use whatever parts of this guide best fit your group personality and time frame. Do NOT feel like you have to use every question. All verses, unless otherwise noted, are from the New International Version (NIV).

11.015/16.1 // Prayer...Praying Like Jesus Prayed.

BiG iDEA: *To pray like Jesus, we need to seek what God wants for us, and for the world.*

// Ice Breaker _____

Option 1: Did you grow up knowing the Lord's Prayer? What did it mean to you?

Option 2: What are some of your favorite things about winter? How about when you were growing up?

// Questions for Discussion _____

SEEK GOD'S PRESENCE WITH A WORSHIPFUL HEART

1. **Matthew 6: 9** "Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be your name."
How would you describe a worshipful heart?
Why do you think Jesus models for us starting our prayers like this?

SEEK GOD'S PRIORITIES OVER YOUR OWN

2. **Matthew 6: 10** "Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven"
Why do we tend to put our priorities over God's when we pray?
What are some ways we can make our priorities the same as God's?
3. **Matthew 6: 33** But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.
What are some practical ways we can seek God's Kingdom?
Why do you think this is given as a condition to prayer?

SEEK GOD'S PROVISION FOR YOUR DAILY NEEDS

4. **Matthew 6: 11** "Give us today our daily bread."
How do loving parents respond to a child's request for bread?
What is the likelihood of God giving His praying children what they need?
5. **Philippians 4: 19** "And my God will meet all of your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus."

What do you tend to pray for most?
For what are you most reluctant to pray? Why?

SEEK GOD'S PARDON FOR YOUR SINS

6. **Matthew 6: 12** Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
What is our responsibility to those who wrong us? Why?
How can not believing we're forgiven affect our prayer life?

7. **1 John 1: 9** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.
Share how God's forgiveness has changed your life.
Even though God forgives us, what are some reasons we find it hard to forgive ourselves?

SEEK GOD'S POWER TO OVERCOME TEMPTATION

8. **Matthew 6: 13** "And don't let us yield to temptation, but deliver us from the evil one."
Have the group share some of the temptations they struggle with.
How can the group help fight these battles?

9. **Exodus 14: 15** Then the Lord said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on.
What is the balance between praying and taking action?

10. **Of the five things we covered about seeking God (Presence, Priorities, Provision, Pardon, Power), which do you need most and why?**

11. **What is the biggest take-away for you from the series *Prayer*?**

// Application _____

Commit to memory Philippians 4: 19

"And my God will meet all of your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus."

Let's hunger for prayer daily. Seek for Him, and He will change you.

// Prayer _____

- **Pray that God will make His priorities your own.**
- **Confess to God the sins in your life that need forgiving.**
- **Pray for Everyone A Chance to Hear (EACH), that God will help in the preparation to reach thousands with the Good News of Jesus.**
- **That Southpoint would be a church based on prayer.**

