

Small Group Questions | September 13

Contender or Pretender part 1 | Prayer

TODAY'S MESSAGE

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1. Today's message is about prayer. Have you ever prayed and received an almost immediate answer to your prayer? Describe the experience.

OPEN IN PRAYER

FOCUS ON THE PASSAGE

2. Read **The Lord's Prayer** in Matthew Ch. 6. What do you find interesting about the way Jesus taught his disciples to pray?

ADMIT WHERE YOU ARE

3. How would you explain prayer to a non-believer?
4. What is difficult or challenging about your prayer life at this time?

INTERPRET THE PASSAGE

5. Consider how the disciples were taught to pray. What are some of the things you are supposed to do when you pray? What are some things you are supposed to talk to God about?

TAKE IT INTO YOUR LIFE

6. What sorts of distractions need to be eliminated in your own prayer life? How could you build consistency into this time with God each day?
7. Have you ever thought about prayer as a learned behavior – that you could get better at it the more you practice? Is this comforting? Why or why not?

HEAR FROM GOD

8. Relationships need constant communication in order to thrive. Imagine if you were to exchange the conversations you now have with God, but instead you have them with your best friend. How would your friend describe the conversation? Are you transparent, rushed, awkward, absent, distracted? Try talking to Him about what is going on in your life as you would a best friend this week.

CLOSE IN PRAYER

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