

THE WISDOM OF PRAYER

Jeremiah 17.7, 8

WHAT IS PRAYER?

Prayer is more than simply “talking to God” or “pouring your heart out.” It is that, but more. Anyone can do that, but we need to be taught how to pray. We need Jesus in order to pray.

Prayer is finding the way to God and speaking with Him, whether your heart is empty or full. No one can do that by himself. We need Jesus Christ to do that.

-Dietrich Bonhoeffer

PRAYING IN JESUS’ NAME

To learn anything well, we must go to those who are expert. The most expert in prayer is Jesus, who when is asked, “teach us to pray,” He responds with , “pray in this way.” True prayer is *not* natural to us, which is why we need to be taught.

We learn to speak to Him by knowing how He speaks to us. When we are immersed in His Word, we learn not only His promises, but how He thinks, how He loves, and what our pursuits in prayer should be.

You will pray in Jesus’ Name in proportion to how much you have been spoken to by His Word.

A ROOT THAT BRINGS US WATER

John 15.1-11

Jeremiah shows us that for a tree to live and thrive, its roots must be in water. Otherwise, it dries up and dies. Jesus said similarly in John 15.1-11.

Prayer is continuing a conversation that God has started through His Word and His grace, which eventually becomes a full encounter with Him.

-J.I. Packer



NOTES:

This Week’s Scripture to Memorize:

1 John 3:1

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God, and so we are.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We’d love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you’ll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens’ ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not “graduate the faith” when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before your group starts, is there anyone who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **Jeremiah 17.7, 8**. What stands out to you in this passage, and what stuck out to you most from the sermon on Sunday?

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

We don't just simply pray *to* Jesus, but we pray *with* and *through* Him. How does this truth help you to be reminded of the depth of the Good News? How does it help you pray with confidence?

Repent and Ask for Provision

Nearly everyone wishes to pray more often. But do we think to hope that we would pray *better*? The disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray. How have you mis-treated prayer, and what might you ask the Lord for to help you utilize prayer in the way that it is meant to be used?

Your Life Mission

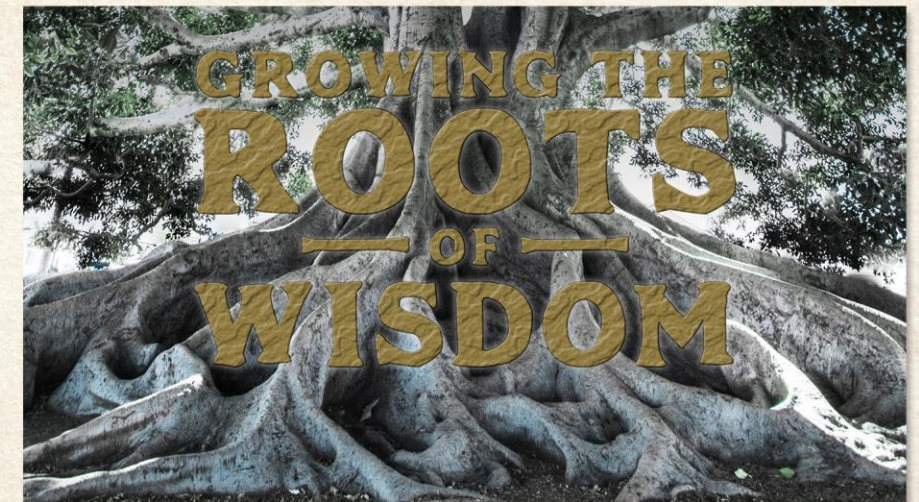
Prayer is the most important thing about the conversations you have with others in your life who don't yet know Jesus. Pray for God's sovereign mercy and grace to open their eyes, and pray that He would give you opportunity and words to share with them. What conversations or social settings with non-believers are coming up that you could use prayer for? How can your group be praying for the people in your life that you love and care for?

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love. Make sure to end your time of prayer **Yielding with Thanksgiving** for God's sovereignty and plan for your life.



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