



Prayer That Works

Grace Growth Group

Review

From last week:

- Resources: did you take advantage of the resources?
- Application Steps: did you apply the principles from the previous session? If so, how did you and what did you find?

Study Guide

Prayer That Works

- Opening thoughts
- Why pray?
- What is prayer?
- When should we prayer?
- **Where should we pray?**
- How should we pray?
- What are the keys to effective prayer?
- How can we pray for an hour?

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Where Should We Pray?

At a place of worship:

Genesis 12:8 He [Abraham] builded an altar unto the LORD, and called upon the name of the LORD.

Acts 3:1 Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer.

Mark 11:17 And he taught, saying unto them, Is it not written, **My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer?** but ye have made it a den of thieves.

Acts 2:42 And they continued steadfastly ... in prayers.

1 Timothy 2:8 I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.

Where Should We Pray?



Where Should We Pray?

At work:

Nehemiah 2:4 So I prayed to the God of heaven.

Where Should We Pray?



Where Should We Pray?

In bed:

Psalm 4:4 Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still. Selah.

Psalm 6:6 I am weary with my groaning; all the night make I my bed to swim; I water my couch with my tears.

Psalm 63:6 When I remember thee upon my bed, and meditate on thee in the night watches.

Where Should We Pray?



Where Should We Pray?

On a mountain:

Matthew 14:23 And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone.

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Why on a mountain?

Matthew 14:23 And when he had **sent the multitudes away**, he went up into a mountain **apart** to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there **alone**.

Jesus went into the mountain to be **alone with God**.

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In a garden:

John 18:1-2 When Jesus had spoken these words, he went forth with his disciples over the brook Cedron, where was a garden, into the which he entered, and his disciples. And Judas also, which betrayed him, knew the place: for Jesus oftentimes resorted thither with his disciples.

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Why in a garden?

John 18:2 Jesus **ofttimes resorted thither** with his disciples.

Jesus went to the garden to...

- Rest
- Be arrested
- Resist temptation

The garden likely provided space and quiet for prayer.

Where Should We Pray?



Where Should We Pray?

In the closet:

Matt. 6:6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

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What is the closet?

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What are the characteristics of a prayer closet?

- Solitude
- Silence
- Serenity

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Why in the closet?

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- Humility
- Reward
- Additionally: focus, productive prayer

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Anywhere:

Psalm 139:7-10 Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

Where Should We Pray?

Possibly the most powerful place of prayer...

Where Should We Pray?

Where two or three are gathered:

Matthew 18:19-20 Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

Where Should We Pray?

Where two or three are gathered:

God loves to hear His people pray with unity. God blesses the unified prayer of His people with His power (Acts 1:12, 2:42, 4:23ff).

Conclusion



- Where should we pray?
- What kind of location?
- Why does a prayer closet matter?

Prayer in Practice



This week...

- Review this lesson and included Bible verses.
- Find a good place to pray.
- Read this week's memory verses every day.
- Listen to one of the recommended audio resources on prayer.