WORSHIP

PRAYER

Objective for Learning: To understand the power and importance of an active prayer life in every believer's walk with Christ.

Objective for Living: To develop and maintain a healthy, vibrant, life-giving prayer life.

Objective for Reproducing: To lead others in prayer and learn how to raise up other disciples that have thriving and effective prayer lives.

Scriptures for Prayer:

- 1 John 5:14-15
- 1 Chronicles 16:11
- 2 Chronicles 6:21
- Ephesians 6:18
- Jeremiah 29:12
- James 5:13
- Mark 11:24
- Matthew 5:44
- Proverbs 15:8
- Psalm 17:6
- Romans 12:12
- Matthew 6:9-13
- Romans 8:26
- Philippians 4:6-7

How do each of these Scriptures help to **define** and **illuminate** what accountability is and why it is important?

Hearing (Discussion Points and Questions):

Overview:

Dallas Willard says, "Prayer is a dialogue between you and God about the things that concern both of you." With this definition in mind, prayer covers a multitude of aspects of your relationship with God. It is a partnership and an ongoing, active conversation we have with the Father. It is also where we express our love, gratitude, repentance, forgiveness, and honor to God.

Prayer takes many shapes and forms: it can be done individually, collectively, vocally, silently, boisterously, and peacefully. It includes but is not limited to praise, worship, adoration, gratitude, listening, petitioning, affirmations, intercession, breaking down strongholds, and fighting spiritual battles. Whatever the form, prayer is the intimate communication we have with our Father and Lord through the working of the Holy Spirit that connects us to Him in ways that nothing else does.

Questions for Learning and Living:

- Why do we pray? What is the importance of praying daily?
- What does your prayer life look like and how does that impact your daily life?
- What are some ways that you can increase the effectiveness of your prayer life?
- How can you intentionally develop and grow in your prayer life?

Questions for Reproducing:

- How would you describe the power, authority, and importance of prayer to another person?
- How can you model prayer and invite others in to that aspect of your walk with the Lord?
- What are the most significant elements of your prayer life and how can you teach others to implement this in their prayer lives as well?

Doing (Implementation and Application):

- What is Jesus saying to you about this?
- How are you going to respond? Look at your personal discipleship assessment.
    - Give 1-3 concrete action steps that you are going to do this week to help you take the next step of learning, living, or reproducing in this area.
- Commit to trying to increase your daily prayer time this week by whatever amount you choose and have someone hold you accountable to that increase this week. At the end of the week, discuss the benefits of doing so with them.
- Choose one of the Scriptures that really impacted you and commit to memorizing it this week.