

Be Devoted to Prayer

Main Scripture: Acts 2:42-43

Additional Scriptures: Matthew 6:5-6, Genesis 1:1, Matthew 15:19, Psalm 37:4, James 5:16, 1st Corinthians 2:16, Hebrews 11:6, James 4:8, Romans 12:2

Hearing: Discussion Questions

- Shawn said that prayer is way beyond petition. It incorporates confession, repentance, and adoration, but the heart of prayer is presence, vision, and enjoyment. What does your prayer life look like?
 - Which aspects stated above do you spend the most time on?
 - Do you sense and enjoy God's presence in prayer? Explain.
- **Read Psalm 37:4.** Your will (heart) will follow your desires. Shawn said that prayer has the power to change us and our desires so that we follow not our fleshly desires, but the Godly desires birthed out of prayer. What kind of desires have you seen prayer birth (or would you like prayer to birth) in your life?
- **Read Hebrews 11:6.** What are some worldly desires that are keeping you from experiencing intimacy with God? What distracts you from diligently seeking God?
- "Prayer is the marriage bed of the Christian faith." Are you just getting cards, flowers, and chocolates from God but experiencing true intimacy? How do you pray and experience intimacy with God? What does that look like?
- **Read Matthew 6:5-6.** What reward(s) are Jesus talking about?
- "Prayer isn't boring, we are boring!" What do you think about that statement? How can we ensure that we our prayers don't bore us but instead revive and excite us?
- **Read Romans 12:2.** When you are in His presence, you know His will. Share some stories of how, through prayer, God has revealed to you His will in a certain situation.

Doing: Application

- Take this week and dare your small group to give God a shot in prayer. Dare them to double their prayer time (or at least 30 minutes of prayer a day) and come back next week and talk about what that did to their intimacy with God and their spiritual walk.
- Devote yourself to praying as a small group for a certain situation and commit to praying for that until it comes to pass... and watch God show up!!