

Reading + Prayer

Week 02

read

Praying the Bible, Chapters 3 & 4 (pp. 29-43)

Bonus: *Praying the Bible*, Chapters 1 & 2 (pp. 11-27)

pray

Psalm 1 + Psalm 23 + Psalm 25

memorize

Choose a passage from the bookmark to memorize
(review daily).

Week 03

read

Praying the Bible, Chapters 5, 7 & 8 (pp. 45-54; 63-78)

Bonus: *Praying the Bible*, Appendix 1 & 2 (pp. 91-96)

pray

Psalm 33 + Psalm 34 + Psalm 103

memorize

Be prepared to share your memorized passage
during turn and talk.

Week 04

read

Praying the Bible, Chapters 6, 9 & 10 (pp. 55-61; 79-89)

Bonus: *Praying the Bible*, Appendix 2 (pp. 93-96)

pray

Romans 8:1-17 + 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 + Colossians 3:1-17

memorize

Be prepared to pray your memorized passage for
someone else at the workshop.

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If you abide
in me, and my
words abide in you,
ask whatever you
wish and it will be
done for you.
John 15:7

In the Gospels we read the story of Jesus' disciples making a simple request, "Teach us to pray." Clearly those who had walked closest with Jesus recognized the difference between how He prayed and how they prayed. Jesus taught them with a simple structure of prayer, starting with the beauty of the relationship between God the Father and His children. What Jesus was doing was giving the disciples the language they lacked to communicate with their Holy God.

Tim Keller defines prayer as "a personal, communicative response to the knowledge of God."

There is a particular language we need to learn for this communicative response, and it is through the Word that we have access to this knowledge. Through God's Word, He reveals Himself to us, teaches us about His holiness, and beckons us into relationship. His Word, living and active, is the invitation to prayer.

As we respond, God has offered us a vocabulary for every possible situation in our joys, our suffering, and our needs. As we hear Him speak to us through His Spirit and His Word, our response becomes more—our prayers become a conversation.

Overview

The goal of these *Prayer Workshops* is to grow your hunger for a fervent, passionate, unceasing prayer by equipping you with useful and simple tools. Prayer is an invitation and a gift from God, and yet so many of us struggle to have a vibrant prayer life. In this four-week workshop, you will learn the method of praying the Bible, both personally and together.

Each week you will be asked to read a few chapters from *Praying the Bible* by Donald S. Whitney, as well as put into practice what you've learned.

Weekly Reading

The chapters are short and easy to read. Take note of anything that stands out to you as you read to discuss at the workshops.

Pray

There are three passages to pray each week. We suggest you pray one each day. After praying through each once, choose the one you enjoyed or resonated with the most, and use it daily for the remainder of the week.

Memorize

When praying the Bible, it is really helpful to have Scripture written on your heart to recall when you might not have a Bible nearby. Over the next four weeks you will commit a passage to memory. Choose a passage from the provided bookmark that you personally connect with.

