

QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER STUDY AND DISCUSSION

Prayer

Week 1: The First Book of Prayer

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1. Talk about a time when you were afraid of looking like a beginner at something.

Did you pretend like you knew what you were doing? Why does this behavior keep us from growing when it comes to prayer?

2. What does prayer usually look and sound like for you?

3. Why do you think we avoid being honest and transparent with God?

4. If you could tell God absolutely anything right now and were completely honest, what would you say?

5. When God thinks about you, how do you think he feels about you? How does your answer to this question affect your prayer life? How would your prayers change if you knew deeply that God delights in you regardless of your performance?

6. Ask everyone in the group to select a phrase or two from the list below and say it aloud to God but in their own words:

-How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?
Psalm 13:1

-Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me.
Psalm 23:4

-O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!
Psalm 8:9

-Help, Lord, for the godly man ceases to be, For the faithful disappear from among the sons of men.
Psalm 12:1

-Contend, O Lord, with those who contend with me; fight against those who fight against me.
Psalm 35:1

-O Lord, You have searched me and known me.
Psalm 139:1

-Look to the right and see; For there is no one who regards me; There is no escape for me; No one cares for my soul.
Psalm 142:4

-O God, do not remain quiet; Do not be silent and , O God, do not be still. Psalm 83:1