

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

WHAT IF... I PRAYED IN THIS MANNER?

Matthew 6:5-13

Pastor Miles McPherson – September 21, 2014

This Sunday, Pastor Miles asked the question, do we pray like it really matters? ...like it's really true? ...like what we are praying for can really happen?

MEMORY VERSE

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.

Colossians 4:2 (NIV)

DISCUSSION STARTERS

If you knew that God would answer one prayer this week, what would you ask him for?

What barriers have hindered you from diligently praying for that thing?

STUDY QUESTIONS

Let's look at an Old Testament passage that describes how ready God is to hear and answer our prayers:

→ **Read Isaiah 30:18-21**

- As a group, make a list of God's character attributes from this passage, and then discuss.
- What kinds of answers to prayer are described in this passage?
- What is the Lord waiting for, in order for him to "rise and show compassion"?
- How does the Lord bless those who long for him?
- If you really believed that God was waiting to answer your prayer and to show you mercy and compassion, how would you pray differently this week?



- Read verse 21 again... what would it look like for you to hear God’s voice telling you “this is the way, walk in it?”

WRAP IT UP

Watch this music video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZCabdAAy7-M>

Discuss: How did the music video make you feel?

- Do you believe that Jesus is really living in you?
- If you *really* believed that Jesus was in you and his power was for you today, how would you pray differently this week?

Prayer:

Get into groups of 3 or 4: What is one thing that you’ve been asking God for? Each person pray for that one thing.

Take it Home:

Spend time every day this week praying for that one thing that you identified.

Last Sunday, Pastor Miles challenged us to pray for 15 minutes a day. Continue the challenge - pray 15 minutes per day and be prepared to share next week how it has impacted your life!

Where? _____ When? _____

Notes:

