

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Praying Scripture

March 10, 2024

Dear God, Luke 11:1-4, Psalm 19:14, Psalm 23

Community Group Discussion Questions

PLEASE READ BEFORE LEADING DISCUSSION

- Recommended questions are highlighted in bold, but **select 5 or 6 questions** you think will work best for your group discussion. You likely won't have time to discuss all of the questions so choose which questions you will ask ahead of time and make sure to provide plenty of time to focus on the application questions.
- Feel free to edit or reword questions to best fit your group.
- You may want to print out copies of this document for everyone so they can follow along with the questions as you read them.
- Check out this Facilitation Guide (<http://bit.ly/CGFacilitationGuide>) for tips on leading good discussions.

ICEBREAKER (10 Minutes)

1. Share your name and answer the following question:
 - What were you like as a middle schooler?

OPENING THE DISCUSSION (10-15 Minutes) – Have someone recap the message in about a minute or two and then ask the following questions:

2. **Looking at your notes, what ideas challenged or changed your perspective on prayer?**
3. **What ideas from Sunday's message resonated with your experience with prayer?**
4. **What verses from the Bible do you find helpful to reflect on when you pray?**
5. Have you ever used written prayers to guide your prayers? (From the Bible, a book, a website or app?) What have you used? How has that helped you?
6. Has there ever been a time where you felt you couldn't pray or didn't know what or how to pray? What helped you through that season?

DIGGING DEEPER (5-10 Minutes) – ask everyone to follow along in their Bible or Bible app. You might consider looking up these passages online and sharing your screen to review them together.

7. **Read Psalm 19:14.**
 - How might this passage shape our prayers?

APPLYING IT (10-20 Minutes) –

8. **What is your biggest takeaway from this message?**

PRAYER TIME (30-40 Minutes) – Select some Psalms below to pray through with your group:

- have messed up: Psalm 32
- are in trouble: Psalm 27
- are broken: Psalm 42
- are oppressed and need justice: Psalm 9
- are in the middle of a trial: Psalm 28
- Are experiencing relational conflict: Psalm 133
- want God's blessing: Psalm 1
- want to praise God: Psalm 145
- don't want to praise God: Psalm 104
- want to live for God: Psalm 15
- need comfort: Psalm 23
- need to be reminded of what Jesus did for us: Psalm 22
- need forgiveness: Psalm 51
- need to cry out in desperation: Psalm 88
- need to refocus: Psalm 37
- need God's help: Psalm 57
- feel God is distant or indifferent: Psalm 139
- feel God has forgotten us: Psalm 13
- doubt our worth: Psalm 8
- doubt God's goodness: Psalm 19
- doubt God's love: Psalm 103
- doubt God's forgiveness: Psalm 130
- doubt God's ability to help: Psalm 146
- doubt God's faithfulness: Psalm 13