

Problems We Have with Prayer

Revelation, Matthew 7:7-11

August 21, 2022

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 (5-10 Minutes)

1. **Share your name and answer the following question:**
 - **What is one of the best gifts you have ever received?**
 - What was your religious environment like growing up? How has that impacted your faith today?

OPENING THE DISCUSSION (5-10 Minutes) – *Have someone recap the message in about a minute or two and then ask the following questions:*

2. **What are 1 or 2 points from Sunday's message that you found most helpful?**
3. **Nate's sermon on Sunday was all about problems we have with prayer.**
 - **What do you find most difficult about prayer?**
 - What problems or questions have you experienced in your own attempts to pray?
4. What does prayer look like in your life?

DIGGING DEEPER (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.*

5. **Read Matthew 7:7-11.**
 - **Reflecting on these verses, what strikes you most? Why?**
 - What truths about God stand out to you from these verses?
 - **How might Jesus' teaching from this passage change our prayers?**
6. **Reread Matthew 7:11.**
 - **When have you experienced God answering your prayers like this?**
 - When has God's answer to your prayers differed from what you were asking for? How has that impacted your faith?

APPLYING IT (10-20 Minutes) – *Consider discussing these in prayer time*

7. How do you want to pray differently as a result of this message?
8. **What can we be praying about for you as we head into the fall?**