



MEANINGFUL PRAYER AS
A CHILD OF GOD
SELECTED SCRIPTURES
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I. Introduction

Prayer is what activates God's power in our lives because God responds to the prayers of His people.

II. Prayer's Simplicity

- a. Praying in the Spirit
- b. Simple does not mean repetition

III. Prayer's Reliability

- a. God hears AND answers prayer
- b. Properly aligned with God

IV. Prayer's Necessity

- a. We are to pray with purpose
- b. Important things to consider in prayer:
 - i. Take direction from Scripture
 - ii. Follow biblical examples
 - iii. Have a right heart motive
 - iv. Example a forgiving spirit
 - v. Express ongoing thanksgiving
 - vi. Be persistent
 - vii. It's not us, it's the Holy Spirit's power

V. Conclusion

The truest meaning and value of prayer develops and deepens over time. When we have an ever-increasing dependence upon God, our appreciation is that we are a part of His Kingdom in all He is doing through us and around us through others.



CEFC Sermon-Based
Growth Group
Week of: February 3, 2019
Title: Meaningful Prayer As
a Child of God
Text: Selected Scriptures

Kick Starters...

1. How is your prayer life today compared to 1 year ago? 5 years ago? 15 years ago?
2. Why do we often undervalue prayer, knowing it is so powerful?

Entertain the text

3. Read the text out loud and discuss/list/highlight any significant words or observations. Make notes in your Bible to help you recall anything important to revisit or pray over. Use cross-Scripture texts as is helpful.

Engage the text

4. Do you find yourself making prayer unnecessarily complicated? Is that an old habit you need to shed??
5. How long were you a Christian before you really realized how important prayer was? How did you find out?

6. Where does our confidence in prayer come from? (hint: God's faithfulness)
7. Does praying "in Jesus name" guarantee a request brought before God? Why or why not?
8. Why is it so important to have "others' focused" prayer?

Execute the text

9. How does including Scripture or praying over Scripture help us in praying? (hint: how does following God's Word enhance our prayers?)
10. Go around the table together and each person fill in the following: For me this week, "give us this day our daily bread" means.....

Lost & Found

Larson/Grosskopf
Sunday 4pm @ Larsons

Victors

Fritzsche/Raddatz
Wednesday 6pm @ CEFC

IOW

Billington/Reuter
Friday 7pm @ CEFC

Joint Heirs

Smith/Olejnik
Tuesday 1pm @ Smiths

Crossroads

Difino/Schwenk
Wednesday 6pm @ Schwenks