

New Beginnings

Sermon Based Small Group Plan
February 19, 2017

Sermon Title:

“Why Prayer Matters”

Preaching: Steve Miller along with
Matt Appell and Becca Rich

Scripture: Matthew 7:7-11 & Psalm 119



Open in Prayer: Lord Jesus, We come humbly to your word seeking to be more like you. Be our amazing teacher as we learn every day we have life, as we are obedient to God’s word and call upon our lives. In Jesus’ Name

Fellowship Question: Who is your best teacher on the topic of prayer?

Take time to read the Scripture: in Matthew 7:7-11 and Psalm 119:33-40 ESV

Study Questions for the Sermon and Text: (choose as needed)

- Name a prayer request where the Lord’s response was no.
- Name a prayer request where the answer to prayer was yes.
- Name a prayer request that you have prayed about for a long time that is still unanswered.
- How have your prayers of petition changed over the years?
- How can we help the next generation learn to pray?

The Challenge: To be people of prayer who bring prayer into all parts of our lives.

Prayer Options: (choose as needed for your group)

- Pray for the Pastor Nominating Committee as they work to find a new pastor.
- Pray for WPC and our shut-ins whom need our prayer support.
- Pray for the church as we seek to live for the kingdom of God.
- Pray for JYF, SYF, KFC and Sunday school classes as we raise the next generation.

Mission Encouragement for the winter:

- **The shelter still needs sleepers for the rest of the winter season-HELP.**
- Thanks for all your support for Manna and your gifts of food.

Leader notes:

- Join us for our Ash Wednesday service on March 1 at 7:00pm
- Remember to let your group know that the WPC YouTube Channel has the sermon videos on Monday’s - thanks to Paula! Just go to the WPC website and click on the YOUTUBE logo button.