



BEREAN
SMALL GROUPS

FOR THE GOSPEL
ROMANS 1:16

Living in Depth: Prayer

Reading the text:

- ? Read Genesis 1:26-27. How does knowing that God created us for intimacy with him change how you view prayer? Does knowing God's desire for intimacy with you encourage or challenge you in any way?
- ? Read Ephesians 2:13 and Colossians 1:21-22. How does knowing that intimacy with God is restored through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection empower you to "dig deeper" in prayer?
- ? Read Ephesians 3:14-19. How does Paul's prayer show us the awesome gift of intimacy with God?

We were created for intimacy with God. Prayer is the catalyst for intimacy with God.

- ? Pastor Deven showed us the truth of who God is: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Because of who God is, we know he didn't create us because he was lonely, bored, or insecure. He created us out of joy and relationship! How does knowing God's purpose for creating you change how you view the things you might use to try to fill the intimacy gap with God?
- ? Pastor Deven showed us that there are times when we will feel very close to God and times when we will feel distant. How can prayer remind you of why God created you and God's nearness to you?
- ? Read Psalm 42:1, Psalm 63:1, and Psalm 143:6. How do these verses show you the ways prayer can draw you into deeper intimacy with God?

Application:

- ? Pastor Deven showed us how we often give up or throw in the towel on deeper intimacy with God. He also showed us that there is so much depth to experience with God when we press on! What are some areas where you need to press on in prayer?
- ? Pastor Deven reminded us that no amount of prayer or growth in our prayer lives will make God love us more. What are some changes you want to make in your prayer life based on this truth? How can we encourage one another to press on in prayer this week?