

# Praying Like Paul

## Week #1 Questions

1. In the introduction, the author shares that we desperately need a deeper knowledge of God cultivated by persistent, biblically minded prayer. Evaluate the shape of your current prayer life. How often do you pray? For how long? Where does it rank on your list of daily priorities? How well do your prayers increase your relational knowledge of God?
2. This study will only impact your life insofar as you are willing to apply what you learn. In light of your evaluation above, share specifically how and when you plan on applying what you learn in this course to your prayer life. For instance, some of you may find it helpful to commit to add 15 minutes of prayer to your day each morning for the next 7 weeks in order to concentrate on applying what you are learning.
3. Chapter one gives us practical tips before we get to a specific discussion of Paul's prayers. Perhaps the author gives us these lessons early in the book to ensure that we are striving forward in the actual practice of prayer as we begin to learn more about prayer. Which two of the seven lessons mentioned did you find most helpful and why?
4. What did the Puritans mean when they counseled "Pray until you pray."
5. Relate some benefits and dangers to modeling your prayers after others in your life.
6. On pages 29-31 two extremes regarding God's sovereignty and man's responsibility in prayer are given. State which of these dangers you are most susceptible to. How might remembering the father/son analogy on page 31 help you avoid this extreme view?
7. Share your reflections on the J.I. Packer quote found at the end of chapter 1.
8. Remember to press forward in your memorization as you continue to encourage your accountability partner.