



The Privilege of Prayer

John 15:7

INTRODUCTION

Jesus offers a great incentive to prayer saying that if his word abides in us we will experience great effectiveness in our prayers

INSTRUCTIONS

This guide is meant to facilitate discussion which will lead to a response to God's word. Therefore please use it as a tool that best fits the needs of your small group.

PRAYER WEKEK

- As we recommit ourselves to God through prayer this week, please be sure to fellowship with one another and with the Lord in prayer.

OPENING DISCUSSION

- What was the most interesting idea/concept about Sunday's sermon?
- Describe your commitment to private prayer. What are your struggles in prayer?

REVIEW

- Have someone read **John 15:7**
- Why do you think Jesus prayed so often? What impact did this accomplish?
- Explain the connection between abiding in God's word and effective prayer?
- Why does God sometimes not give us what we ask for?
- How does prayer lead to Joy?
- How does prayer glorify God?

APPLICATION

- Why do you think Christians (and churches) often neglect prayer?
- Why do we generally pray for circumstances as opposed to our hearts and souls as Paul did? What does this say about us?
- How have your prayers changed as you have grown as a Christian?
- What have you prayed fervently for but you never received it? Any idea why God did not answer your request?
- How do you respond to God when he does not give you what you ask for? How should you respond?
- What will you do to grow your commitment to God through prayer?

PRAYER (divide the group based on gender if desired)

- What action/repentance does God want you to take according to the truths of this text?
- Are there any other prayer needs?