

## When You Pray: Close the Door – Pastor Steve Huffman June 4 & 5, 2022

- 1. Share a time where you asked for help or asked someone "teach me how to do that?" What happened?
- 2. Prayer is a journey; answers aren't always immediate. When you watched the video of the man "knocking" and repeatedly saying, "It's me again!" Did you notice the persistence? Was it annoying or inspiring? How persistent are you when you pray?
- 3. Read Luke 11:1. Pastor Steve referenced that the disciples could have inquired about how to do SO many other things; why do you think they focused on prayer? Was there a specific time that you asked someone to teach you how to pray?
- 4. Read Matthew 6:5-6. Pastor Steve shared "many of our greatest moments **begin** behind closed doors". When you pray, how do you close the door to distractions? How do you hope limiting distractions will effect your prayer life?
- 5. Consider what **doors** do you have **open**, that prevent a **connection** with God social media, summer vacation, work schedules, etc. Where do you need to make adjustments? Share one area that you will adjust and why.
- 6. Read Matthew 7:9-11. Prayer, is having a heart to heart conversation with the greatest Father of all time, due to a heart to heart relationship with Him. How does being in "relationship" change our approach to conversation with God?
- 7. Corrie Ten Boom asked "Is prayer your 'steering wheel' or your 'spare tire?" Rate your present passion regarding prayer. What will you do to "re-ignite" your passion for talking with the Father this week?