

TEACH US HOW TO PRAY BIBLE STUDY

SESSION 2

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What does this scripture mean to you and how can you apply it to your life? Your Kingdom come your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. (Matthew 6:10)

2. How can we change our focus from praying only for our own needs, to the needs of God? Here are the needs that are on God's heart, so that we can pray according to His Word:
 - God's Kingdom be established on Earth (His will be done through Believers)
 - Believers advancing the Kingdom of God on this Earth by sharing the gospel of Jesus so that all may receive salvation (John 3:16)
 - Believers grow in their intimacy with God through the Word & prayer. Becoming Christ-like and maturing in our faith.
 - Unity and strength in the Body of Christ – "We will all be one." (John 17:21). Utilizing our God given gifts for the Lord as a church body.
 - Use our spiritual weapons of warfare to contend against the devil and destroy his works (1 John 3:8)

3. Take turns praying in the group for the above items in question #2.

SESSION 2 - DEEPER WALK QUESTIONS:

Please complete these suggested activities this week, to help you grow closer to God. Get a notebook to write out your thoughts and responses.

1. Journal: Read the following two scriptures and SOAP on it.
S – Scripture O – Observation A – Application P - Prayer

Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. (Hebrews 4:16)

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. (1 John 5:14)

2. Reflection: Reflect in writing any hindrances or distractions you may have while praying. Do you lack confidence coming before God in prayer? Do you struggle with feelings of inadequacy or guilt because of sin? In what ways can you overcome these hindrances using God's Word. Write down anything God speaks to your heart.
3. Conversation: Have a conversation with a Sister In Christ about your prayer life and share with one another ways in which you can strengthen your connection with God by removing any hindrances or distractions in your life.
4. Pray: Begin praying for God to reveal Himself to you in a greater way and that you will have a revelation of His holiness and love for you. Pray for your loved ones to experience this same joy.

WHAT DOES S.O.A.P. MEAN?

S – The S stands for **Scripture** – You physically write out the scripture. You will be amazed as to what God will reveal to you just by taking the time to slow down and actually write out what you are reading.

O – The O stands for **Observation** – What do you see in the verses that you're reading? Who is the speaker and the audience? Is there a repetition in the words? What words stand out to you? Paraphrase the scripture in your own words.

A – The A stands for **Application** – Personalize what you have read. What is God saying to me today? How can I apply what I just read to my own personal life? What changes do I need to make? Is there an action that I need to take?

P – The P stands for **Prayer** – Pray God's Word back to Him and write it out. If He has revealed something to you during this time in His Word, pray about it. Confess areas in your life if God has revealed some sin and ask for His forgiveness. Pray to draw closer to God today.