



Community Group Discussion Guide

October 27, 2013

Week 8 - Prayer

John 14:12-15

Read John 14 before answering the following questions.

Introduction

In this sermon series we're looking at nine of these 'crux of the matter' statements that are made by Jesus about some of life's most critical issues. Issues that have the potential to be life changing for every one of us.

Questions for Study

1. What are some of your earliest memories of praying?
2. Describe your present experience with prayer. Is it a daily part of your life? Is it more a hit and miss practice for you?
3. What would you say is your most positive experience with prayer? What about your lowest experience with prayer?
4. What questions do you have about prayer?
5. If you were to identify one or two prayers from the Bible that have meant the most to you, what prayers would you choose?
6. Think back over the last several weeks and write down the things you've included in your prayer.
7. Sunday's sermon is on two verses in the 14th chapter of John's gospel. (verses 13 and 14) When you read these two verses, what questions do you find yourself asking about prayer?
8. What other verses about prayer in scripture help provide understanding of what Jesus meant by what he said in these two verses?
9. Jesus said, "I will do whatever you ask in my name." (vs. 13) And, "You may ask anything in my name, and I will do it." (vs. 14) What would you include in the "whatever" and the "anything?"
10. What would you say is the ultimate purpose of prayer according to what Jesus said in these verses? How does this impact the "whatever" and "anything?"
11. If you're in a Community Group, have an honest conversation about your own discipline of prayer. Talk with other group members about your struggles and challenges.
12. After listening to Steve's sermon, what can you do to strengthen your prayer life?