



STUDY GUIDE

Praying the Right Way!

WEEK OF May 6, 2018

Luke 19:8-14

CONNECT

1. What impacted you the most from Pastor Troy's message on Sunday?
2. What might we learn about ourselves from considering the things we tend to pray for and what we pray about?

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3. Read Luke 18:9-14. What point was Jesus making with this parable?

4. What characteristics dominated the Pharisee's heart and what characteristics dominated the tax collector's heart?
5. If you were one of the people listening to Jesus that day, what impact do you think the parable would have had on you? How would your thinking about God and righteousness have changed?
6. How is your view of God, prayer, yourself, and others impacted by this parable?
7. Read 1 Timothy 2:1-8. What kinds of prayers did Paul say we should pray, and for whom were the prayers to be offered? What do you find challenging about Paul's instructions regarding the different type of prayers we are to pray?
8. Based on Paul's words, what will be the result of our prayers? What insight do these verses give us into the connection between prayer and evangelism?

9. How do you reconcile the fact that God wants everyone to be saved with the reality that not everyone is or will be?

10. What do you think Paul meant by “holy hands”? What is another term you would use for the same meaning?

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11. How does your prayer life need to change in order to better reflect humility, God’s holiness, or His grace?

12. Spend a few minutes in prayer thanking God for inviting us to join Him in His work in the world through the power of prayer. Pray also for the different areas Paul mentions in 1 Timothy 2:1-4.