

Prayer & Mystery

10 May - Ron Aulbach

Pray - Trusting God in a Hurting World

LIFE

Building life giving relationships

CATCH UP: Spend 20-30 minutes catching up with each member of the group and sharing prayer requests.

YOUR STORY: What “normals” do you get excited about getting back to?

GOD

Growing more like Jesus together

ENGAGE THE MESSAGE:

1. It's been said that when it comes to the spiritual discipline of prayer there are three categories of people: A) those that pray a lot, B) those that don't pray, and feel guilty, and C) those that don't pray, and don't plan to pray because it is ineffective. Which category do you find yourself in? How has your view on prayer changed over time?
2. When it comes to prayer, is your bias towards expecting it to be a “normal” time with God or something supernatural to occur? Do you pray at normal time each day or when you are prompted?
3. Peter is often the guy in the Bible that acts first then thinks later. We see in this story that he is so uncomfortable with the way the prayer time has gone that his only response is to make himself useful. Or so he thinks. He's busy, but is he really understanding what's going on? How do you relate to Peter? Are you drawn to busyness or distraction? How so?
4. Luke 9:36 says, “when the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone.” You could interpret that as “they found Jesus alone.” What do you add onto Jesus? When you think about your Christian walk is it Jesus alone?

OTHERS

Loving God and loving others

CHALLENGE: It is so powerful when someone asks how you are doing, and how they can pray for you. What if the beginning of God moving in your family, among your friends, in your city started with us caring and praying. Who could you call this week and pray for? Who could you ask for their prayer request?