

LIFEGROUPS

DISCOVERING THE POWER OF PRAYER

LIFEGROUP OUTLINE COVERING CHAPTER 11

INTRODUCTION

Prayer is action in the Kingdom. But we don't always see it as that. The reality is, sometimes prayer can seem boring or we can get tired when we pray. Read the story in Matthew 26:36-46. We are similar to the disciples. We don't always realize the magnitude of what is at stake in prayer. But Jesus gives us a lot of incredible insight into the dynamics of prayer in this passage. He reveals the human-ness of our prayer (that the flesh is weak). But He also gives us hope that the spirit (the aspect of our being that comes alive in Him) is indeed willing. And on top of that, He becomes this model for us of praying with urgency, passion, and vision as He seeks the face of the Father in verse 39. All of this can equip us to mature in our prayer life and begin participating in the action-packed practice of prayer.

DISCUSSION

In Matt. 26, how does the disciples' lack of motivation to pray remind you of moments in your life?

From this passage, how does Jesus' understanding of prayer with the Father obviously differ from the disciples (and ours at times)?

Jesus said, "the spirit is indeed willing, but the flesh is weak." How can these words be helpful for each of us to maturing in our understanding of prayer?

How have you learned to overcome boredom or tiredness in prayer in your life?

PRAYER

Pray over each other that each person would mature in their understanding of what hangs in the balance as they pray.

PRAYER FOR THE NATIONS

MISSION PRAYER FOCUS: BOTSWANA

MISSIONARIES LIFEPOINTE SUPPORTS IN REGION: BOB & BARB VAN WYK

SPECIFIC PRAYER POINTS

1. Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide Bob and Barb as they develop Sunday School programs for churches in Botswana and create gospel-centered curriculum that will engage students in their growth with Jesus.
2. Pray against the AIDS epidemic in the country, and for supernatural healing among those affected with this life-altering disease.