

TIPS ON GROUP PRAYER



Prayer is an important part of being in a Growth Group. Praying in a group setting typically goes better when we follow these three simple guidelines:

1. Keep Prayers Short and Simple

Group prayer goes better when members keep their prayers short and to the point. When someone prays for a long time, it's hard for the others to stay focused. Long prayers also tend to intimidate those who are just learning to pray out loud in a group. No one is required to pray out loud.

2. Pray for One Topic at a Time

To help keep each member's prayers short and simple, pray for one topic at a time. When someone prays for multiple items at once, other members might not pray because they may feel that the topic was already prayed for. Some groups may find it helpful to divide the prayer requests among the group before praying.

3. Pray More Than Once

Because each person is praying for one topic at a time, people can pray multiple times during the prayer time for the different topics that they want to pray about. Remember, short and sweet and that no one is required to pray.

Prayer Requests:



#2 - Father, Bring It!
Matthew 6:10

Pastor Shawn Peterson
January 21, 2018

_____ kingdom come
_____ =

_____ will be done
_____ =

On earth as it is _____

Big Idea:

God, transform Us and the world into a place where everyone obeys You perfectly and joyfully, like the angels.

God's Kingdom + God's Will = _____

Next Week: Matthew 6:11-12

A Baptism Class will be held on **Sunday, January 28** at **8:45 a.m.** Sign up online.

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Growth Group Preparation Questions

For the week of January 21, 2018

Welcome to Week Two of the Winter Growth Groups Session!

To prepare for your Growth Group, take about 20-30 minutes each week to go through the G2Qs and be ready to share your thoughts and answers with your group. See the back for some tips on group prayer. Have a great time growing in the Word, growing in relationships and growing in serving others!

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. What was your most recent post on social media?

2. What are your morning rituals? What do the first 60 minutes of your day look like?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged you, or encouraged you?

2. Look up these verses and write out what they say about God's glory:

Psalm 8:1-9 -

Exodus 15:11 -

Leviticus 10:1-3 -

Isaiah 42:8, 48:11 -

John 12:23, 27-28 -

3. In light of the "model" prayer that Jesus gives us in Matthew 6, how do you respond to the following:

"The purpose of prayer is not that we'd convince God to do our will but that our hearts would melt and soften to the will of God."

4. Consider what it would mean to accept that God's glory could result in:

An extraordinary life for you?

An ordinary life for you?

Suffering in your life?

How could each of these situations bring glory to God?

5. Pray together as a group. Look at the group prayer tips on the back page and circle or underline things that stick out to you. Along with these tips, let Exodus 33:18 and the Lord's Prayer guide how you pray.

TAKING IT HOME

1. Memorize Exodus 33:18 and begin praying it.
2. Make a list of five things in your life that are causing you stress, anxiety, grief or confusion (marriage, work, emotions, friendships, children, finances, etc.).

Consider how it would look for you to see God's glory in those areas.