

Water of Life Community Church
WHY PRAY?
UNDERSTANDING PRAYER AND OUR ROLE
WEEK 2
ROMANS 8:26-28

PARTICIPANT GUIDE

ICE BREAKER

PRAYER

WORSHIP

INTRODUCTION

Even in those times when prayer seems difficult, we can know that the Holy Spirit is interceding on our behalf in our sufferings. When we don't know what to pray for, we can trust that the Holy Spirit prays according to God's will on our behalf.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. READ ISAIAH 53:4-6,10-12.

- a. This prophecy describes how Jesus would defeat Satan and his forces of evil in our world. What was the purpose of the Servant's suffering? What benefits come to people because of that suffering and death?
- b. According to verses 10-12, what happens to the Servant as a result of His redemptive work? How could the Servant feel satisfied after such anguish?
- c. How does this text help you put Satan and the evil of this world into perspective?

2. READ MATTHEW 6:5-8 (NASB).

- a. What are the pitfalls of prayer Jesus gives us in these verses?
- b. Why is it important Jesus gave us these pitfalls before teaching us the pattern of the rhythm of prayer?

3. READ ROMANS 8:26-28.

- a. Why does the Holy Spirit get involved in our prayer lives?
- b. What is encouraging to you about the role of the Holy Spirit in prayer? Why?

- c. How should we feel knowing that the very Spirit of Christ is praying for us?
 - d. What are some positive effects these truths can have on our prayer lives?
 - e. What is the relationship between verses 27 and 28?
 - f. What do you interpret Romans 8:28 to mean? What does it not mean?
 - g. What confidence does verse 28 give believers about events that occur in their lives? When has it been hardest for you to believe this truth?
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PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME

- How do you need the Spirit to help you in your weakness?
 - How should the fact that God is working all things together for good impact your prayer life?
 - What did you learn about prayer from today's text? How will you go about implementing what you learned?
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GOING DEEPER/WEEKLY CHALLENGE

REFLECT

- Have you ever had moments in your life where you felt like the Holy Spirit was speaking to you? What happened?

RESPOND

- When you pray this week, take a few minutes after your prayer to sit in silence and ask the Holy Spirit to speak. Journal anything you feel He is saying.

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MEMORY VERSE

Romans 8:26-27 (NIV)

"In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God."

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