

Water of Life Community Church

PRAYING POWERFUL PRAYERS

WEEK 1

JOHN 17:1-26

ICE BREAKER

PRAYER

WORSHIP

INTRODUCTION

As Jesus walked this earth, He always had the condition of our hearts in mind. We can pray elaborate, fancy prayers on the outside while being disconnected in our hearts and minds, but that is not the Lord's plan for us. Jesus' examples of prayer are much more a movement of heart than a movement of mind. Jesus loves us so much and desires our prayer life to be a constant, alive connection to Him.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. READ JOHN 17:1-5.

- a. Should we pray for ourselves? If so, how should we pray, what should the goal be?
- b. Pastor taught us we do not need clichés, but lots of heart and honesty. What are some powerful prayers you pray for yourself daily? What are some "takeaways" from this week's sermon that you plan to implement when praying for yourself?
- c. How many times is "glory" referenced in verses 1-5?
- d. What do you think the importance of the word glory is here?

2. READ JOHN 17:6-19.

- a. As we pray for others, what are the four categories in which these verses lead us to pray?
- b. What does it mean to pray for protection from “the world”?
- c. What is equipping?
- d. What is sanctification?

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME

- How would you describe your current prayer life?
- Are there any areas of your prayer life that could use refreshing or even restructuring?

GOING DEEPER/WEEKLY CHALLENGE

REFLECT

- The Disciples asked Jesus how to pray. Do you do the same?

RESPOND

- Take time this week to reflect on this week’s message and ask Jesus to teach you how to deepen your prayer life.

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MEMORY VERSE

Matthew 6:6

“But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.”

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