

# THE TRAINING OF THE TWELVE

Adult Discipleship Class Spring 2020

## THE TRAINING OF THE TWELVE- CHAPTER 6- Lessons on Prayer

### Scriptures: Matthew 6:5-13; 7:7-11; Luke 11:1-13; 18:1-5

We talk about prayer, we say we pray, but to what degree do our prayers match the priorities and emphasis of prayer as Jesus taught His disciples. Jesus demonstrated prayer was important and even gave us a pattern for prayer.

Jesus was a man of prayer- Mark 1:35; Matthew 14:23

Jesus taught about prayer- Matthew 6:5-13; advocated persistence- Luke 11:1-13; required agreement- Matthew 18:15, and challenged us to live in expectancy- John 16:23,24.

Jesus' model, "The Lord's Prayer," in Matthew 6 outlined an outline to follow. It includes three petitions to God's glory and three for our benefit. Jesus prayed with boldness, confidence as well as humility before God. He never places demands upon God to perform as He wants, but always in submission to the Father's will.

### BIG QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

This is a week of belief to practice. To take a hard look at our prayer lives and evaluate whether I am truly a person who believes in the power of prayer, or just sees it as a checkbox in my walk with Christ. Will I spend as much time in prayer as I might spend answering the questions on this page?

1. Is my prayer life truly a vital part of my spiritual life? How would someone know?
2. What aspect of prayer do I struggle with the most? What aspect brings me the most joy? Do I even consider there could be joy in prayer?
3. What's my motivation to prayer? How does my motivation line up with Jesus' model?
4. Is God's Kingdom success the most important part of my prayer life, or my own kingdom?
5. If I believe prayer is important, what will I do this week to demonstrate that fact?
  - a. Will I pray?