



In this week's message on the spiritual discipline of prayer, we answered three questions regarding prayer: *Who are we praying to? Is there a right or wrong way to pray?* and *When should we pray?* Throughout the Bible we see God's heart for His people to come to Him in truth and authenticity. He desires for us to continually draw near to him through prayer.

1. Describe your daily conversations with God. What types of things do you regularly pray for?
2. **Read Matthew: 9-13.** Did you grow up knowing the Lord's Prayer? Was it something you simply recited from memory, or did it have personal meaning to you? Explain.
3. Blaze named the following five ways in which God reveals who He is to us through His word: a bridegroom, a father, a friend, a king, and the Almighty Creator God. What are some other illustrations that God uses in His word to describe our relationship to Him? (ex. Potter and clay, Shepherd and sheep.)
4. Which of the illustrations above most helps you to understand God's character as you go to Him in prayer?
5. **Read 1 Thessalonians 5:17.** How do you understand Paul's charge to "pray without ceasing?"
6. Is there any aspect of prayer that you find personally difficult? How do you think you could grow in this area?
7. Spend time in prayer with your group as you end your time together.