

Silver Creek Fellowship NOTES

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40 Day's of Prayer - Week 2

A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO PRAYER

I. THREE FACTS ABOUT PRAYER

A. Our creator wired human beings for prayer!

1. Everybody prays
2. It's part of what makes us human!

B. _____ prayer does not come naturally

1. We need help. - Romans 8:26
2. We need to be taught - LK. 11:1

C. _____ about prayer lead to frustration with prayer

1. Prayer is NOT a _____
2. Prayer is NOT a fire extinguisher: For _____ use only
3. Prayer is not a _____ with God
4. Prayer is not a _____ with God
5. Prayer is not a ritual to _____

II. FOUNDATIONAL TRUTHS ABOUT PRAYER - TO HELP YOU SEE PRAYER IN A DIFFERENT WAY

A. God wants us to talk to him about everything - Philippians 4:6-7

1. It doesn't have to be a "religious" topic!
2. God loves you and He is interested in the things you are

B. Prayer is _____ not _____ Matthew 6:5-7 (CEB)

C. God's response to our prayers is always a response of _____

1. God's responses show he is a good Father Matthew 7:11, James 4:2-3
2. Sometimes we need a different perspective on an issue Jeremiah 33:3

D. God has a _____ to spend time with us

1. Like a Father with His children - Genesis 3:8-9 (MSG)
2. Like a Bridegroom with his bride - Song of Songs 2:8-13 (GW)
3. Like Friend with His friends - John 15:15 (CEV)
4. Like a relational God with His own special people - Hosea 6:6 (LB)
5. God is waiting for to come and talk with him. Isaiah 30:18 (NLT)

III. SO HERE'S WHERE WE HAVE ARRIVED:

A. The question - How do I get closer to God?

B. The answer - Very simply you choose to

Psalm 25:14 (MSG): God-friendship is for God-worshippers; They are the ones he confides in.

James 4:8 (GW): Come close to God, and he will come close to you.

C. We all want to be effective in prayer and being closer to Him is the key