

Discipleship Groups

Week 9

As your people gather, welcome them, and help them to greet one another.

When it's time to begin, welcome them as a group. Since you are the one who knows what the previous weeks' conversations have been, you are in the best position to judge what follow-up may be appropriate at the beginning of each week's session. You are the one in a position to make sure that there is a personal connection from week to week.

After whatever initial conversation you think best, transition the group to watching this week's video together. The video can be downloaded or it can be played from the web site.

We are turning our attention together this week to the subject -- and the experience -- of prayer. I am including below some questions for discussion and sharing. You can use your own judgment about how you want to balance group discussion versus individual sharing. Some of each is desirable. Questions to prompt either or both might include:

- Have you learned how to pray?
- When or how did you learn how to pray?
- Did someone along the way ever teach you how to pray?
- Who or what have been important influences in your prayer life?
- In what settings have you heard (or overheard) other people pray? How have those experiences influenced and impacted your own prayer life?
- How might other people's examples limit or handicap our own prayer lives?
- Are there ways in which you suspect your prayer life is limited or handicapped?
- In what ways do you think your prayer life could grow and improve?
- Recalling some earlier weeks' discussions:
 - Do you have places where it is easier and places where it is more difficult for you to pray?
 - Do you have times when it is easier and times when it is more difficult for you to pray?
 - Do you have feelings and moods when it is easier or when it is more difficult for you to pray?

Close your time with a brief prayer on behalf of the whole group.

Before everyone is dismissed, remind the group members about your next meeting time and place, as well as encouraging them to pray for one another each day between now and then.