**The Prayer Series: Wk 2 – When we Pray**

* What does prayer look like?
* What does prayer sound like?
* How often do you think you really prayer?

**Jeremiah 33:** **3 ‘Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.’**

**God’s Phone number – 33:3**

* With all that is going on in the world, is God ever too busy for you?
* When you think of prayer what comes to mind?
	+ What an awesome privilege – That a Christian can talk to God and know he hears.
	+ Jesus modeled it – taught about – lived it

**What is prayer?**

**Psalms 145:18**

1. **Prayer is two way communications** (we talk – we listen)

(like every good relationship – there must be good communication)

* When you pray how much of it is listening to God?

**Prayer is the talking part of a relationship**

An early sign of a relationship going bad is a lack of communication – the same with God. Yet many Christians can go days or longer without talking to God and wonder why they’re not growing.

* Does God know everything? Yes

**Why do we pray?**

**Colossians 4:21 Chronicles 16:11, 1 John 5:14**

1. **We pray because God tells us to**
* Why would God tell us to pray if he knows what we need?
1. **We pray to acknowledging that God is in control**

Prayer gets our eyes on God’s will for our life, it is a way we submit to his will.

We pray because God knows better than we do what we really need.

* When do you tend to pray?
* How often are we supposed to pray?

**When do we pray?**

**1 Thessalonians 5:17, Colossians 4:2**

1. **We are to pray – all the time**

For and in every circumstance.

* How do we do that?

 The busier our life – the more priority we need to give to our prayer life.

**How do we pray?**

**Philippians 4:4-7**

1. **Prayer is not a formula – but it does have important essentials**

**The Lord’s Prayer** – is more of an outline than a formula

Read the Lord’s prayer – **Matthew 6:9-13**

* **Praise -** “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name”

A call to praise and worship – realize who God is!

* **Purpose -** “your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven”

A surrender to authority of God

* **Provision**
	+ - Practical needs – “Give us today our daily bread”
		- Spiritual needs – “And forgive us our sins”
		- Relational needs – “as we also have forgiven our debtors”
* **Protection -** “lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one”

A way of rescue in the daily battle to live for God

* **Praise -** “For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever”

End with worship and praise! For who He is what He’s done!

* What stood out to you Sunday as we began the Lord’s prayer study?

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	+ Humility / brokenness
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