

A Simple Way to Pray

1. How is prayer an essential part of the Christian life? See Acts 2.42.
2. In small groups discuss the following questions:
 - A. What are the greatest hindrances to prayer?
 - B. What helps us to pray?
3. Hindrances to Prayer...
 - A. _____ *James 4.3*
 - B. _____ *Psalm 66.18*
 - C. _____ *Ezekiel 14.3*
 - D. _____ *Mark 11.25*
4. Those who first followed Jesus were especially _____ by His life of prayer.
 - A. *Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God. Luke 6.12*
 - B. *Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, that one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray." Luke 11.1*
5. The Lord's Prayer lays the foundation for all our prayers. The characteristics of the prayer teach us how to pray.
 - A. _____ - The basic, heartfelt concerns of life
 - B. _____ - A response to God's word
 - C. _____ - Primarily focused on the needs of the soul
6. God urges us to pray . . .
 - A. _____ *1 Thessalonians 5.17*
 - B. _____ *Mark 11.24*
 - C. _____ *John 16.23*



7. Martin Luther's "A Simple Way to Pray"

A. Set aside the _____ and the _____.

B. Begin with the _____.

- What have I heard that causes me to _____ God?
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