

2019 Summer Study

Prayer in the Gospel of Luke

Jesus stated, “Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.” How powerful then for this year’s Summer Study that we gather in two or three for study and prayer!

To make this possible for everyone to do there are three different ways to participate:

- 1) Do it alone. Read the verses and meditate on the questions – consider how and what God is saying to you.
- 2) Invite one-two others to do this with you, or
- 3) Sign up at Grace (Gathering Space or through Church Office) for assistance in forming a group.

Use the Bookmark. One side lists the readings with a specific question for each reading. The other side explains the format – meet for 45 minutes using 1-10 minutes for checking in with each other, 20 minutes reading and reflecting on the major question and the three questions to use each time, and the last 15 minutes for prayer with seven suggestions.

There is no more powerful force and more important task in life than to take our concerns and joys to God. But this requires practice and challenging ourselves to continually grow in prayer. Use this study to grow our trust, routine, confidence and comfort in talking to God as your loving parent, in knowing and expressing your deepest feelings and thoughts, and doing this with others.

The three questions to reflect upon each time are:

- *Where did your imagination stop?*
- *Are there words, phrases, ideas that grasp you?*
- *How do you think the Spirit might be nudging you?*

There are seven specific times and uses of prayer in the call and ministry of Jesus.

Use the three questions above and the specific question for each week below to deepen your prayer life and to guide and prepare Grace in this time of transition

1. **Prayer at Jesus’ birth** Luke 1:1-20; 2:22,36-39
How has God answered your deepest prayers?
2. **Prayer at Jesus’ Baptism** Luke 3:21-23a and 4:1-14
How does God challenge you to grow in devotion?
3. **Prayer in Jesus’ Ministry** Luke 5:15-16; 6:9-19
What routine and practice of prayer is best for you?
4. **Prayer facing His Death** Luke 9:18-36
What is God saying to you in your prayers?
5. **Jesus Teaching us to Pray** Luke 11:1-13; 18:1-14
Which of these teachings is most important for you?
6. **Jesus’ Holy Week Prayers** Luke 19:37-48; 20:45-47; 21:34-38
When and how have you misused prayer?
7. **Jesus’ Prayer at His Death** Luke 22:31-32; 22:39-47; 23:32-46
Which prayer of Jesus is most important for you?