

PrayFirst

Week 5

CATCHING UP

Share one way praying first changed the way you respond to situations.

Focus Verse

And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.

Luke 11:1 *KJV*

What are **enemies** to prayer?

- 1 _____
- 2 Strife
- 3 Envy
- 4 _____
- 5 _____

Therefore I say unto you, what things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

Mark 11:24 *KJV*

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9 *KJV*

Takeaways

There are all kinds of enemies to prayer, but you need to know what hinders your prayer life so you can observe it, see it, recognize it, and not let it stop or stifle answers to your prayers.

When you pray, you get to forgive.

Discovery Questions

1 How can the “enemies to prayer” hinder your prayers or prayer life?

2 What does “when you pray, you get to forgive” mean to you?

3 What can you do to recognize the enemies to prayer and not allow them to stop your prayers from being answered?

Diving Deeper

- Read the Focus Verse, Luke 11:1, every day this week as part of your daily devotions. Challenge yourself to have the verse memorized before your next Small Group meeting.
- Read scriptures from the Bible that focus on forgiveness.
- Journal how God is answering your prayers. Praise God by thanking Him for answered prayers!
- Invite a friend to your next Small Group meeting.