

DISCUSSION GUIDE

TWO HUGE TRUTHS ABOUT PRAYER
The Gospel of John — Week 39

ICEBREAKER: What is truth?

OVERVIEW: Children don't need to be taught to ask their parents for what they need. It's just natural. They see their parents as loving and capable providers whose joy and responsibility it is to care for them. It should be no different for Christians. Prayer should be as natural as breathing. Our Heavenly Father loves us and has promised to take care of us. He invites us to pray as often and as much as we desire. And He even warns us that if we neglect to pray, our needs will go unmet. When we have a need, our first, most important, and most natural response should be to pray. In this discussion we will deeper with how and why we should grow in prayer.

1. **Read John 9:31.** What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. What does "God doesn't listen to sinners" mean in John 9:31?
3. What does it mean to be "God-fearing and does his will" in John 9:31?

4. Read Matthew 6:5-6. How did the "hypocrites" pray? What does it mean that "they have their reward"?
5. Read Matthew 6:7-8. How did the Gentiles pray? Why shouldn't we pray like them?
6. Read Matthew 6:9-13. What did Jesus mean, "You should pray like this"?
7. What are the different requests in the Lord's Prayer, and what do they mean?
8. Read 1 John 5:14-15. This passage contains two promises and two conditions. Can you identify them?
9. How would you like to grow in prayer?

The Last Word: "Satan can't keep God from answering our prayers, but he will keep us from asking." Adrian Rogers