

'THE JESUS APPRENTICESHIP'

Session 7: Cultivating a Private Prayer Life

Group questions:

- 1. How do you define prayer?
- 2. When should we pray (see Luke 18:1; Ephesians 6:18; James 5:13)?
- 3. What should we pray about (see 1 Timothy 2:1-2; Philippians 4:6)?
- 4. Why do you think some of our prayers are not answered (see Mark 10:6, Mark 14:32–36; Daniel 10: 12-14; James 4:3)?
- 5. Give some examples of times when you have seen prayers answered in your life.
- 6. How would you describe your private prayer life? (Here are a few suggestions: Great! Wonderful! Struggling! Growing! Average...)
- 7. What are some of the hindrances to prayer in your private prayer life?
- 8. Share a few things that have helped you build up your prayer life.
- 9. What is the role of discipline in prayer (see Romans 12:12)? What is the difference between being 'consistent' and being 'religious'?
- 10. If you still have time, read Paul's prayers in Ephesians 1: 15–23 and Ephesians 3: 14-19 out loud.

Take some time to pray for one another!!