

# SCHOOLHOUSE OF PRAYER

**“Lord, teach us to pray ...”**

**Luke 11:1**

# Why don't Christian pray?

Many believers do not pray because they do not know how and have never been taught how to pray.

# Personal Practice

Luke 11:2 – “When you pray, say ...

## ***7 Aspects of the Lord’s Prayer***

- Relationship – “Our Father”
- Praise – “Hallowed be Your name”
- Salvation – “Your kingdom come”
- Submission – “Your will be done”
- Dependence – “Give us day by day”
- Confession/Repentance – “forgive us”
- Deliverance – “do not lead us into temptation”

# Pedagogy of the Spirit

Romans 8:26-27

- ⦿ We are weak.
- ⦿ Sometimes we do not know how to pray.
- ⦿ The Spirit helps us pray.
  - He directly helps.
  - He brings our needs before the Father.
  - His help is beyond understanding.
  - His help is according to God's plan.

# Personal Meditation

Psalm 5:1, 19:14

“Meditation is the missing link between Bible intake and prayer.” – Donald Whitney

*How do I meditate and pray?*

- Read a passage of Scripture
- Think about the passage
- Talk to God about its meaning

Example – Hebrews 10:24

# Praying with Others

*Luke 11:1 – “He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, that one of His disciples said to Him, “Lord, teach us to pray”*

*When I pray with others, I learn to ...*

- Give biblical reasons for answered prayer
- Pray passages of Scripture
- Intercede for others
- Prioritize prayers
- Pray for missions, ministry

# Passages of Scripture

- Read God's Word back to God.
- Discuss God's Word with God.
- Read particular prayers of individuals in certain situations.

## Examples:

- Celebration Psalm 8, 9, 38
- Death Psalm 23
- Repentance Psalm 32, 51; Nehemiah 1:5-11
- Wisdom Nehemiah 2:2-5
- Guidance Psalm 5, 25, 143
- Stress/Depression/Weakness Matthew 26

# Applications

- Link my Bible reading and prayer together with meditation
- Make a plan to pray with others & listen to them
- Read about prayer (Scripture, biographies)
- Study the lives of prayer warriors
- Just pray!