



Group Discussion and Application

1. What is the most important lesson you have learned about prayer?
2. What are some common misunderstandings about prayer?
3. What is the basis for our confidence in prayer? How is this confidence misplaced by some?
4. What verses give you confidence in the ability of God to answer your prayers?
5. If God knows our needs before we ask, and in fact has ordained the answers, then why is prayer important?
6. In addition to those found in our text, what are some more Scripture lessons on prayer?
7. What are some additional applications/lessons we may draw from our text?
8. What are some of the parallels between a person's initial coming to Christ for salvation and our daily coming to Christ in prayer?
9. What are some common obstacles that hinder us from coming to Christ with our needs?
10. Why is it difficult for us to admit need?



Personal Reflection and Response

1. If Jesus were to ask you today, "What do you want me to do for you?" how would you answer?
2. Of the prayer lessons considered today, which do you most need to develop in your own life?
3. What specific action will you take to practice this prayer principle?



Family Homework

1. Locate and discuss some of your favorite verses on prayer. Memorize one.
2. At family mealtime, discuss some of the application questions above.
3. How can you make your family prayer time more meaningful?



A Pattern for Petition

Mark 10:46-52

We are committed to...

Prayer—both personal and as a body, as an expression of dependence on God

The example of blind Bartimaeus provides instruction for coming to Christ in our need.

1 Admit our _____.

2 Recognize Jesus' _____.

3 Persevere through _____.

4 Request honestly in _____.

5 Respond with _____.