



Prayer
Oct 13
Matt 26:36-45

Leaders Guide
(Approximately 60 min)



Connect Spend time allowing group members to connect with one another relationally. (5 min)



Celebrate Ask how they've seen God working in their lives since you met last. (or relating to the previous meeting's discussion) (5 min)



Coach Facilitate discussion using the guide below (30 min)

Focus: Prayer and God's Will

"Hear my prayer, O God;
listen to the words of my mouth."
Psalm 54:2

Read through Matt 26:36-45 and share a couple of things that stand out to you.



How do we pray according to God's will?

Overview:

In the message Sunday we looked at how prayer is not about getting whatever we want. Jesus modeled submission to God's will, trusting unanswered prayers to the Lord's hands.



Discussion Questions:

Question 1: Reflecting on Unanswered Prayers: Have you ever experienced an unanswered prayer that was difficult to accept at the time but, in hindsight, turned out to be a blessing? How did this experience shape your faith?

Question 2: Wrestling with God's Will: How do you reconcile the tension between praying for specific outcomes and surrendering to God's will? What can we learn from Jesus' example in the Garden of Gethsemane?

Question 3: Trusting God's Plan: Jesus prayed, "Not what I will, but what you will." How easy or difficult is it for you to fully trust that God's plan is better than your own, especially when you don't understand it?

Question 4: God's Love in Unanswered Prayers: Do you believe that God's "no" or "not yet" can be an expression of His love? Can you think of a time when God's "no" was, in fact, a way of leading you toward something better?

EXPERIENCE: A time to apply



Here is a spiritual assignment: In your quiet time this week pray and reflect on how prayer is not about getting whatever we want. Jesus modeled submission to God's will, trusting unanswered prayers to the Lord's hands.



Communicate

Share important information items with your group. (5 min)



Care

Spend time praying as a group. You may want to take specific prayer requests from your team members. (10 min)
