

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

Sunday, June 11, 2022

John 15:4–5

Let Us Pray: What is Prayer?, Part 1

GOING DEEPER

Think back to a time when you were trying to pray, but some kind of distraction got in the way. It could have been something exterior (family, friends, noise) or interior (busyness, independence, other priorities).

- Is this a normal situation for you or an isolated example? In other words, is it easy for you to spend time praying or is it difficult?
- What do you think is behind our obstacles to praying?

Now Read John 15:4–5 & 15:15, John 8:26–29, and Proverbs 3:5

- What does abiding in Christ mean and how does it inform prayer? Explain.

There are two general aspects to relational communication, listening and speaking, let's look at how these two relational aspects also direct our prayer.

- Share stories, how do you go about listening to God?
- What have you heard recently while listening?
- Is it easier for you to listen to God in prayer or to be the one communicating?

Proverbs 3: 5 give us another aspect of prayer, it must be a posture of dependence and trust. How is this a foundational part of prayer?

APPLICATION

Let's spend a couple minutes listening to God.

- Take 5 minutes to be quiet together.
- Now take 5 minutes to respond to what you have heard with a... *Wow!*, *Sorry*, *Thanks*, or *Help*.

Make this process a habit this week and share next week what you have been hearing.