



### Week 3 — Praying

#### Icebreakers:

- As a child or at a younger age, what's your first memory of an answered prayer?
- Can you recall an unanswered prayer? Perhaps one you're still praying to this day.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. If Jesus expects his followers to pray, what are some common excuses why many don't?
2. Share with others in the group your prayer routine — when you pray and how. Encourage one another with ideas about the place you pray, the best time to pray, etc.
3. Do you have any unanswered prayers that are currently causing you doubt God and/or your faith in Christ? If so, confess to one another. Take time to pray for one another.
4. Garrett said, “God always provides what you need and sometimes provides what you want.” Do you agree or disagree with this statement?
  - Looking at your own life, have you seen this play out?
  - Why is this so difficult for us to wrap our minds around?

#### Next Steps:

- Pick a distraction-free place to pray for the next seven days.
- Consider praying the Lord's Prayer together as a group:

*“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
On earth as it is in heaven.*

*Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.”*