

## FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

(Questions: Week Eight - Why should prayer be a priority in our lives?)

1. Is there anything specific from this message that the Lord has impressed upon your heart?  
If so, what is it & how do you feel the Lord calling you to respond?
2. Consider the question: "Why should prayer be a priority in our lives?" - what reasons do you personally find to be compelling?  
As you look at your own life, what have been some obstacles to making/keeping prayer as a top priority?  
As you identify some of these obstacles, can you think of some solutions to overcoming them?  
Are these obstacles external or internal, & have you been able to work through them in your other relationships?
3. How do Jesus' teachings & lifestyle reveal how He prioritized prayer? (*Look at Mt. 6:5-14; Mk. 1:35; Lk. 5:16, 18:1-17; Jn 14*)  
What can you learn about prayer through His life and teachings, and do they help to motivate you to pray more?  
What are some of the clear blessings that are found in our lives when we pray according to Jesus' own teachings?
4. Consider the following verses:  
*Romans 8:26-28, Mark 14:28, James 1:5, 1 John 5:14, Psalm 66:17-18, Jude 20-21, & Philippians 4:6-7*  
How do these verses reveal the blessings of wisdom, strength, & growth in godliness for us as we seek the Lord in prayer?  
How do these verses also reveal not only our NEED of the Lord to work in our lives but the reality that it is a privilege for us?  
How can this help us shift our perspectives to "I GET to commune with God" rather than "I really SHOULD pray more!"?
5. For the benediction, I shared Hebrews 7:19-22.  
How do these particular verses relate to our approach to prayer (even though they don't mention the word prayer at all)?  
What impact does the Gospel have on our prayer lives, and how do these verses help us to see that?
6. What is a specific, tangible, and actionable step that you can take to intentionally make prayer a higher priority in your life?  
Where can you make time or redeem time in order to go to the Lord in prayer?
7. Below are the "Today's Takeaways" from the end of the sermon.  
Do any of these particularly encourage, convict, challenge, you, and if so, how?
  1. We're called to pray continually!
  2. Jesus prioritizes prayer in every way!
  3. We need God's strength & wisdom!
  4. God always hears & answers us!
  5. Our continued growth in the Lord depends on it!
  6. We GET to commune with our God!