



## **Battle Plan for Prayer**

### **Chapters 4 and 5 Study Guide**

#### **Chapter 4:**

1. What do you think of the statement on page 27:  
"Ultimately all prayer is for the glory of God?"
  - a. How does the act of prayer bring glory to God?
  - b. Point: by coming to God in prayer we are glorifying God not only by His answer to our prayer (although that does glorify God as well but there is more to it) but by the very act of praying to Him knowing he is higher, all powerful all knowing etc. acknowledging He alone is worthy of praise and gratitude.
2. Present the 3 Colors of Experiencing God (per Schwarz)  
Which person of the Trinity do you most relate to?
3. What is the role of the Trinity in prayer?
4. "Throughout history, throughout Scripture, we see God unwrapping additional features of His glory, revealing Himself to individuals in ways that are new and unexpected to them." (28)
  - + Hebrews 11:17-19 vs. Genesis 22:13-14
  - + Jehovah Jireh - 'PROVIDER'
  - + What are some of the facets of God - Names of God  
- Attributes of God
  - + Note the very bottom of page 29 & top of 30

What are several examples of the attributes of God has He revealed to you by how He's responded to prayer in your life?

#### **Chapter Key: (30)**

"When you pray for something and ask, "that the Father be glorified in the Son" (John 14:13), prepare for Him to do what he knows will bring him the most glory. And when He does, your proper response, like Abraham's should be to worship. This is what's meant by glorifying God-valuing and honoring by your thanks and praise the attribute He's just shown you and revealed about Himself."

Three responses to prayer:

Worship  
Give Thanks  
Tell Others

**PRAYER:** *Lord, Yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Forgive me for seeking my will and desires above Your glory. I've been looking at what I think You should do-what I'd do if I were You. And yet You've shown me that so much more is at stake. You know exactly what You're doing. Your ways are higher than my ways. What I really want, Lord, is that You receive glory from my life. Maximum glory. The full weight of Your glory. Work in my heart and in each of my situations, Lord, so that You are most glorified. In Jesus' name, Amen*

## Chapter 5:

**Discuss the statement:** “Prayer is NOT about Prayer.” (32)

**Discuss statement:** “Prayer, at its heart is communicating with God.” (33)

Is this the common understanding of prayer?

How might this understanding change your view of prayer?

**Discuss:** The role of Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross and our access to our Heavenly Father. (33 & 35) In what ways may this perspective challenge us to take prayer seriously?

How have you seen prayer help someone TO KNOW, LOVE & WORSHIP GOD?

How have you seen prayer help someone TO BETTER UNDERSTAND AND CONFORM TO GOD’S WILL and GOD’S WAYS?

How have you seen prayer help someone TO ACCESS AND ADVANCE HIS KINGDOM, POWER, and GLORY?

Again, prayer is not about prayer. It is about the Person-God Himself. When it becomes merely about accessing the provision or protection of God rather than knowing and pleasing the Person of God, then we are getting off track. But when the one goal of our praying is to live in relationship with Him -One-on-One- He will cause prayer to also help us experience His purposes, His plans, His provision, His protection, and everything else He intends. All for His glory. (38)

*PRAYER: Father, help me never again forget that I am in Your awesome presence when I pray. Help me not enter into it as duty or a mindless activity, the mere repeating of tired words. But help me come with worship, with love, and with a true desire to experience You personally. Help me abandon my own agendas and self-assurances, wanting to be nowhere else except directly aligned with Your will. And may Your kingdom flow right through this heart and home of mine, taking me wherever You want me to go. Amen*

**PRAYER IS COMMUNION WITH GOD IN ORDER TO ...**

1. Intimately know, love and worship God.
2. Understand and conform our lives to His will and ways.
3. Access and advance His kingdom, power and glory.

**NEXT WEEK’S ASSIGNMENT: Chapter 6 – TYPES OF PRAYER and  
Chapter 7 WAYS THAT GOD ANSWERS PRAYER**

**CONTINUE TO DEVOTE DEVELOP A DAILY TIME OF PRAYER --- PERHAPS DRAWING FROM SOME OF THE CATEGORIES FOUND ON page 7.**

**WHILE CONTINUING TO APPLY THIS STRATEGIC APPROACH TO YOUR PERSONAL LIFE --- WOULD YOU PLEASE CONSIDER THE SAME CONSIDERATIONS TO OUR CHURCH – SHUMC?**