

PRAYER - Lay Talk - Second Day

THIS TALK SHOULD BE NO LONGER THAN 15 MINUTES!

CORE IDEAS:

- The Holy Spirit?
- Prayer

LORD'S PRAYER

I. INTRODUCTION

- A. Speaker introduces self
- B. Speaker gives title of talk
- C. Remind to take notes

II. PRAYER

A. Why we pray

1. Scripture references: Psalm 46: 1
2. To pray is to change. This is a great grace. How good of God to provide this path to change.
3. To pray is to develop our friendship with God. Like any friendship we need to share and listen.

B. How we pray

1. Pray as you can not as you can't.
2. In the same way a small child cannot draw a bad picture, so a child of God can't offer a bad prayer.
Richard Foster

3. Scripture references: 1 John 3:20

C. When we pray

1. Scripture references: Hebrews 13:15, 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18, Colossians 4:2.

2. Pray without ceasing.

D. What we pray

1. Scripture references: Romans 12:12, Ephesians 6:18.

2. We bring ourselves to God as we are and then we open our hearts, sharing our concerns and our thanksgivings, our faults and our shortcomings, our needs and the needs of others.

3. Prayer is ordinary people bringing ordinary concerns to a loving father.

III. HOLY SPIRIT IS "THERE FOR US"

A. Define the Holy Spirit

B. Scripture references: Ezekiel 36:27, Galatians 4:6, Matthew 3:16, Matthew 12:18, Luke 11:13,

1st Corinthians 3:16

C. We experience the presence of the Holy Spirit in many ways. One of the ways is through prayer. (Personal witness of speaker as to how prayer has strengthened your relationship with God and recount times when you have felt the presence of the Holy Spirit during prayer. Please do not make prayer appear like an Aladdin's lamp.)

Place puzzle piece in the puzzle at the end of the talk.