

GROWTH GROUP DISCOVERY QUESTIONS Welcome to the Family series

Prayer: Our Lifeline

- 1. Two weeks ago, Ron MacLean spoke about prayer. He described prayer as:
 - communion with God
 - o time spent in God's Presence
 - space where we touch Eternity
 - our spiritual oxygen
 - partnership with God
 - the highest call
 - the church's 1st priority (Matt 21:13)

If prayer is all those things, WHY IS IT SO HARD TO GET PEOPLE TO PRAY?

- 2. Ron shared the story of Hezekiah from Is 37v2. Hezekiah is facing an invasion that he cannot withstand. He cries out to the LORD, and God replies to him promising rescue and saying these words... "Because you prayed to Me..." How would the words BECAUSE YOU PRAYED change our understanding of prayer? Did Ron share anything else that gave you a new perspective on prayer?
- **3.** Ron talked about God reminding him to pray with thanksgiving. Col 4:2 "Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful (keeping alert) in it with thanksgiving". How does Thanksgiving change our prayer lives?

Going Deeper

- What are ways that you feel that God is calling you to grow in prayer? How are you responding to this?
- Is there anything that you feel to do differently after this message?
- How does the Bible say that the Holy Spirit helps us in our praying? Look at Romans 8:26-27