



Prayer Service

Sermon Series: Prayer Service

We pause our regular study guide for a time of prayer. Prayer can be intimidating, it can be awkward, and uncomfortable. It is never pointless, unnecessary, or too much. So embrace it, fumble through it, feel the tension, and find the joy in it all.

Below are some suggestions. You can use them, or you can ignore them. But I hope you will spend your study guide time today praying.

In the famous words of Dory the fish (from Little Nemo), "Just keep praying," or something like that.

A Prayer Breakdown:

- 1.) Begin by reading 1 Kings 19:11-13. We are going to practice listening for God. Using silence as a guide, turn off all the noise, fans, heaters, anything that makes noise, even your phone. You can close your eyes, you can switch positions, but most of all relax. For the next 5 minutes, just listen. This may be an unusual practice for you, but the next 5 minutes are about embracing silence and listening.
- 2.) Go around the room and describe God, his attributes, his nature, or his character. Next, pick a few volunteers to pray. Pray in a manner that worships God as you have described.
- 3.) Combine question one with question two. What did you hear from listening, if anything at all (don't worry if you didn't hear anything, I rarely hear anything but the voice in my head)? How did you describe God, what stood out to you? Next, pick a few different volunteers to pray. This time pray from a place of God speaking to you that reflects His attributes, nature, and character at work in the world around you. For example, praying for His mercy on those suffering from illness. Or, His church embodying the forgiveness His Son displaced on the Cross.
- 4.) Finally, go around the room and pray for one another, pray for McCook EFree & campuses, and pray for each town. Pray for strength, perseverance, courage, peace, and kindness for His church as witnesses in Nebraska and Kansas. Pray our community and our lives would glorify and honor Him as Lord of Lords and King of Kings.