

## STEPS OF FAITH: PRAYER

1. How are we supposed to be "constant in prayer" but also pray in what seems like a specific format like Jesus shows in Matthew 6?
  - a. Does praying need to be only as it appears in Matthew 6?
  - b. Should praying only be casual in order to achieve praying constantly?
2. What role does the Holy Spirit play in prayer? What role does prayer play in reading God's Word? (1 Corinthians 2:13, Romans 8:26)
  - a. Talk about what would happen if you exclusively prayed without God's Word or the Holy Spirit. (Or focused exclusively on one without the others.)
  - b. Which area comes most naturally to you?
  - c. Which area is the most difficult for you?
3. Look at this suggested, simple format for prayer from Daniel Henderson. It focuses on who God is, a request based on my understanding who He is, and then a clarification of my request to be grounded in who He is.
  - a. I praise God because He\_\_\_\_\_.
  
  - In response to God's character, I request prayer for\_\_\_\_\_.
  
  - I'm praying about this SO THAT\_\_\_\_\_.
  
  - b. Put this format into practice as you pray individually and together.