

Introduction to Prayer Leader's Guide

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- 1. How could you make time to talk to God? (You may need to sacrifice something like Jesus did- turn off a TV show, turn off cell phone, etc. You could make special time to talk to God at the beginning of the day or at the end of the day. It helps if you can get alone.)**

What obstacles do you face? (Maybe you share a room with a sibling. Maybe people in the house are playing loud music or have the TV on. Maybe there's noise or fighting in the home. If you're in college, dorms can be loud.)

- 2. Is it hard for you to get alone with God? Brainstorm ways you could do this. (You could take a walk. You could pray in the shower! You can pray at night before bed. If you're on a campus, you can find a quiet place like a library or a study room.)**

- 3. What guidance do you need to ask God for? What decisions do you need to pray about? (Answers will vary. They may include: help with schoolwork, relationship problems, health problems, direction for the future.)**

- 4. Prayer is powerful and changes history. What things do you want to change in your world? Pray about them. (Answers will vary. Problems in the world include wars, drug abuse, same sex attraction, violence, homelessness, poverty, disease, corruption in government, divorce and other family problems.)**

Intro to Prayer

1. Mark 1:35 Who Is Jesus?

- Needed to pray
- Got up early, sacrificed sleep to pray. Made prayer a top priority!
- Got alone, away from distractions, noise
- Model for us

So What?

- I need to get alone to pray too! Is it a priority for me?

2. Luke 11:1 Who Is Jesus?

- Prayed in front of his disciples
- Close relationship with Father in prayer

Who Is Man?

- Impressed with Jesus' prayer life. Ask Jesus to teach them to pray

3. Luke 6:12-13 Who Is Jesus?

- Prayed all night before making important decision

Who Is God?

- Guided Jesus through prayer

4. Matthew 6:5-6 Who Is God?

- Sees everything
- Rewards secret prayer

Who Is Man?

- Could pray to look good, show off v.5

- Need to pray alone, in private v.6
- Can't pray with cell phone on!

So What?

- Do I have a place where I can go to be alone with God?

1. James 5:16 Who Is Man?

- Right with God by faith in Jesus Christ
- Sincere prayer of person right with God is powerful!
- Our prayers produce wonderful results!

So What?

- MY prayers are powerful!
- I'll get answers if I pray!