

25 TRAINING OBJECTIVES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

13. Prayer

- *Truth to Teach:* Prayer is the avenue we use to talk to God and listen to His Spirit. Anyone who has placed their faith in Christ can pray directly to God because of what Jesus did on the cross. We can pray anywhere and everywhere because we are in a relationship with God. Prayer is seeking God's face, His will, His heart, His hand, and His strength.

- *Scriptures:* **Matthew 6:5-15** > What did Jesus tell us not to do when we pray?

What did he tell us to do when we pray?

To whom are our prayers directed? What is significant about who He is?

What should we be praying for? Why should we learn to pray in private?

Why should we pray sincerely? Why should we pray in God's Will?

Why should we pray with a forgiving spirit?

Luke 11:1-13 > The Disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray, what things did Jesus teach his disciples in this passage about prayer.

1 Thessalonians 5:17 > What does this verse ask us to do? What does it mean? Why is this important?

- *Application:* Remember to have your daily time alone with God and also pray "as you go". Pray throughout the day so that prayer becomes your lifestyle.

- *Activities:* Let's take some time to pray together. You might want to invite some friends to go on a prayer walk ... go to some of the regular places you go every day. Stop for a moment and pray for the people there.

- *Practice:* Whom can you call today or tomorrow and offer to pray on his or her behalf?

When can you plan for an extended period of prayer in the next few months?