



HOW TO PRAY IN A CRISIS

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Step Two: Devote Yourself to a Consistent Experience of Praying in **COMMUNITY**

1. When you hear the words “corporate prayer” what is the first thing that comes to mind? (Be honest!) Which do you place a higher priority on, corporate prayer or personal prayer?

2. “Those who neglect the consistent habit of praying in extended fashion with a community of believers are robbing themselves of great blessing and balance.” Do you agree or disagree with this quote? Explain your answer.
 - a) If you agree with the quote above, do you agree in principle or practice or both? Explain your answer.

 - b) What in particular holds you back from praying more consistently with other believers?

3. What points in this chapter seemed to most directly confront some of your assumptions about prayer, particularly from our “western” way of thought? What changes are you prompted to make in your own prayer engagement?

4. This chapter noted D.A. Carson's belief that "good praying is more caught than taught" and that "we should choose models from whom we can learn." Who have been those models in your life? How are you consistently engaging with other models right now? With whom can you serve as a model and what kind of routine will you embrace to accomplish that work of discipleship?

5. When you honestly evaluate your own local church, how does the current culture of prayer align with new testament teaching and patterns? Assuming you might see some shortcomings, what will you do personally to strengthen the community aspect of prayer in your church?

Breakout

1. After reading and discussing this chapter, what one thing is the Lord prompting you to apply to your prayer life right away?

2. Spend a significant amount of time calling out to the Lord, asking Him to birth a renewed commitment and fresh conviction for prayer in your small group and our church!