

# PRAY LIKE JESUS

## STUDY & DISCUSSION GUIDE

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### GROWING CLOSER TOGETHER

- 1) What is your favorite pizza topping or combination of toppings?
- 2) What is your favorite mode of communication? letter, text, phone (voice-to-voice), email, face-to-face, morse code

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### MESSAGE REFLECTION: Read together **Matthew 6:9-11, Luke 18:1-5, Matthew 26:36-42**

- 1) What is something from the sermon that stood out to you, convicted you, or encouraged you?
- 2) Why do you sometimes hesitate to go to God in prayer about things? What should you do when it comes to your needs & requests?(see James 4:2)
- 3) Share about a prayer that God said no, perhaps, or yes.
- 4) Why do you think that some people view prayer in more of a mechanical than relational way?
- 5) How does prayer help you trust God better?
- 6) Do your prayers tend to be more you-focused or God-focused? Why?

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### GOING DEEPER

READ – **1 John 5:14-15** together

- 1) At what point does petitioning God turn into yielding to God when it comes to our prayers?
- 2) How can John claim with so much certainty that whatever we ask will be done?
- 3) Does this give you confidence in your prayers? Why?

READ – **2 Corinthians 12:7b-10** together

- 1) What is something that stands out to you from this passage?
- 2) Scholars have debated for years exactly what Paul's thorn in the flesh was. Whatever it was it was a heavy burden to Paul. How do these verses teach us how we ought to pray & respond when it comes to difficult circumstances?

### LIVING IT OUT

If you're not in the habit of doing it, ask God for "his will to be done" for every prayer you pray this week.

**PRAYER TIME** – *Pray for the needs and requests in your group.*

# JOHN WESLEY'S ACCOUNTABILITY QUESTIONS

(Feel free to use these as a guide, modify these or develop your own list)

- Am I consciously or unconsciously creating the impression that I am better than I really am? In other words, am I a hypocrite?
- Do I pass on to others what has been said to me in confidence? Have I participated in gossip?
- Can I be trusted?
- Am I a slave to appearance, friends, work or habits?
- Am I self-conscious, self-pitying, or self-justifying?
- Did the Bible live in me today?
- Do I give the Bible time to speak to me every day?
- Am I enjoying prayer?
- When did I last speak to someone else about my faith?
- Do I pray about the money I spend?
- Do I get to bed on time and get up on time?
- Do I disobey God in anything?
- Do I insist upon doing something about which my conscience is uneasy?
- Am I defeated in any part of my life?
- Am I jealous, impure, critical, irritable, touchy or distrustful?
- How do I spend my spare time?
- Am I proud?
- Is there anyone whom I fear, dislike, disown, criticize, hold a resentment toward or disregard? If so, what am I doing about it?
- Do I grumble or complain constantly?
- Is Christ real to me?