

## Home Groups Together - Spiritual MOT Session 2 - Prayer

### Praying for Christian Leaders 1 Timothy 3:1-13

1. Read v1-7. What characteristics are required to be an Elder? Use these to pray for our Elders, asking God that they would be growing in these qualities.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Read v8-13. What characteristics are required for Deacons? Use these to pray for our Deacons, asking God that they would be growing in these qualities.

### Recap - Why are we having a Spiritual MOT?

#### What is Prayer?

Prayer is... *“the chief exercise of faith.”* (John Calvin)

#### Jesus and Prayer

*(John 5:19)*

*In pairs: What does this tell us about Jesus?*

This then is how you should pray...

*(Matthew 6:9-15)*

The Lord's Prayer in 6 Ps *(courtesy of Chris Green)*

#### 1. Praise

*“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name”*

... From what you have just read in the Bible

... For who he is

... For what he has done (*Psalm 103:1*)

## 2. Purpose

*“Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.”*

*In Pairs: Who is God? So what?*

**We are praying for...**

... His Kingdom to grow in me

*O great God of highest heaven  
Occupy my lowly heart  
Own it all and reign supreme  
Conquer every rebel power  
Let no vice or sin remain  
That resists Your holy war  
You have loved and purchased me  
Make me Yours forevermore  
(Bob Kauflin, Sovereign Grace Music)*

... Others to come into his kingdom

... Jesus to come again

## Praying for other Christians Colossians 1:3-14

1. What does Paul give thanks for in v2-4?
2. What things does Paul then pray for the Colossians in v9-14?

## Praying for people to become Christians - 2 Corinthians 4:1-6

1. Have a look at v2. What is Paul doing? What is he not doing?
2. How might you be tempted to use deceptive ways or distort the word of God?
3. Why don't people see who Jesus really is? (v4) How will this shape your prayers?
4. Read v5-6. What is our job in evangelism and what is God's job? Pray for God's help to do your part and pray that he would do his vital work.

## Names of God

	<i>Who is God?</i>	<i>So what?</i>
Ezekiel 48:35		
Psalm 23:1		
Genesis 22:14		
Exodus 15:26		
Jeremiah 23:6		
Leviticus 20:8		
Judges 6:24		

## 3. Provision

*“Give us today our daily bread.”*

*In Pairs: Who is God? So what?*

*Matthew 6:8, 6:26, 6:30, 6:32.*

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.*

*Philippians 4:6*

## 4. Pardon

*“Forgive us our debts...”*

*In Pairs: Who is God? So what?*

1. Search me (*Psalm 139:23-24*)
2. Confess my sins (*1 John 1:8-9*)
3. Trust God’s Forgiveness (*1 John 1:8-9*)
4. Go and put it right (*Matthew 5:23-24*)

## 5. People

*“... as we also have forgiven our debtors.”*

*Who?*

*Family - see [www.bec.uk.net/resources/prayer](http://www.bec.uk.net/resources/prayer)*

*Christian friends - (Paul's Prayers, e.g. Colossians 1:3-12)*

*Friends I would like to see become Christians (2 Corinthians 4:1-6)*

*Government Leaders (1 Timothy 2:1-7)*

*Christian Leaders (1 Timothy 3:1-13)*

## 6. Protection

*“And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.”*

***In Pairs: Who is God? So what?***

***1 John 4:4, James 4:7-10, 1 Corinthians 10:12-13.***

## **In Groups - Praising God for who he is using the names of God**

- Look up the different passages giving some of the names of God.
- Think about what each one means for us as God's people.
- Spend time thanking and praising God for who he is.

## **At Home - Praying for Christians, Non-Christians and Christians Leaders**

- Read the following passages and answer the questions to help you to give your prayers a more biblical shape.
- Spend time thinking about how you pray and what you pray for. Are there things that you are going to change as a result of this evening? Make a plan for how you are going to implement these changes.