

## QUESTIONS FOR STUDY AND DISCUSSION

1. On a scale of one to ten, where would you put the average Christian on consistency of practice in each of the following: Bible study, prayer, worship attendance, ministry to others, and evangelism?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

2. For many Christians, prayer is their greatest spiritual struggle. No Christians are prayerless, but many spend just a minute or two in prayer each day. Why do you think believers struggle with having a deeper life of prayer? What does Paul mean in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, when he says "pray without ceasing"?
3. Based on Matthew 25:23, what is the nature of God's reward through Christ? What does this have to do with our view of prayer? Read 1 Peter 1:8.
3. Read Luke 11:5-13. What is the immediate context of these words. Evidently, the lesson of this parable is foundational in our Lord's teaching about prayer. What is the main lesson He has for us? Why does the Lord tell us not to be hesitant in our prayers? What area of your life can be immediately applied to this lesson?
4. In Hebrews 4:15-16, the writer of Hebrews is encouraging us to do what? He gives several reasons that motivate us to pray. What are those reasons? How does He describe the disposition and position of Christ? How do these combined together give us such great encouragement to pray?
5. What does the writer of Hebrews say should be our disposition in approaching God's throne? How does Romans 8:14-17 and 26,27 help us in understanding our approach? What should we always expect as we approach His throne? Is this the way you think of prayer? What are some of your concepts of prayer that need to Biblically change? How do you hope this will effect your practice of prayer?

## GROWING DEEPER IN THE LORD Growing Deep: Praying Without Ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17; Hebrews 4:15, 16)

- I. Struggling with Prayer?
- II. Praying without Ceasing
  1. We begin to pray without ceasing when we trust \_\_\_\_\_.
    1. The heart of prayer is \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_.
    2. All opportunities for prayer become opportunities for \_\_\_\_\_.
      1. Elements
      2. Scripture
      3. Mindset
      4. Away
      5. Lists
  2. We begin to pray without ceasing when we trust \_\_\_\_\_.
    1. Luke 11:9-13
    2. Do we truly believe that God \_\_\_\_\_ ?
    3. If we are convinced that God gives \_\_\_\_\_ ?
  3. We begin to pray without ceasing when we trust \_\_\_\_\_.
    1. Do we see God \_\_\_\_\_ ?
    2. If God is \_\_\_\_\_ .
    3. Asking God \_\_\_\_\_ tangible trust in God's sovereignty.
  4. We begin to pray without ceasing when we trust His grace in our life.
    1. \_\_\_\_\_ hinder our prayer life.
    2. We come only on the \_\_\_\_\_.