



VALLEY REAL LIFE

Devoted: Consistent and intentional prayer.

Last Week

How did you apply last week's lesson about fasting and praying? Who did you share the lesson with?

Opener

How would you describe your most effective way of communicating with people? Examples: Spoken or written? Stern or soft spoken?

Questions

Why is prayer an essential part of our spiritual walk? Do you find it difficult to pray?

Do you have a specific time for prayer, or do you prefer to be more sporadic about it? If so, why/how did you develop that habit?

What makes up the content of your prayers, typically? Do you have a favorite example of prayer from the Bible?

Have you had an experience of an answered prayer that surprised you?

Scripture Discovery:

Have yourself, another group member, or all group members read the following Scripture out loud

James 5:13-18 (NLT)

Are any of you suffering hardships? You should pray. Are any of you happy? You should sing praises. Are any of you sick? You should call for the elders of the church to come and pray over you, anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord. Such a prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make you well. And if you have committed any sins, you will be forgiven. Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results. Elijah was as human as we are, and yet when he prayed earnestly that no rain would fall, none fell for three and a half years! Then, when he prayed again, the sky sent down rain and the earth began to yield its crops.

- What does this passage tell us about God?
- What does this passage tell us about people?
- How do you need to apply this passage to your life?
- And who are you going to tell?

Pray