



# VALLEY REAL LIFE

Devoted: Unanswered Prayer

## **Last Week**

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

## **Opener**

Can you share a time when something unexpected turned out better than you thought?

## **Questions**

What is the difference between seeing prayer as a relationship versus a miracle formula? Do you struggle with treating prayer like a formula?

Have you ever felt like God wasn't answering your prayers? How did you handle it?

Can you think of a time when God changed your heart through prayer rather than your circumstances? What was that like?

How can you trust that God is working in and through you even when you don't see results? When you pray, what results are you looking for?

How and when are you tempted to judge God's goodness by your circumstances (instead of judging our circumstances by God's goodness)? Good and bad?

## **Scripture Discovery:**

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

Romans 5:3-5 (NLT)

*We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.*

- 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