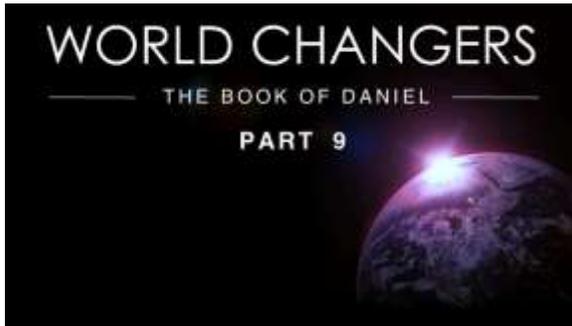


Prayers of the World Changer II November 21, 2021 Discussion Notes

Everyone is encouraged to bring a Bible

(Phone apps are good for reading together in the same translation. Study Bibles give help with interpretation.)



Questions:

1. Icebreaker question: Was prayer modeled to you in your home when you were a child? In what ways?
2. The sermon was based on Daniel 6 and focused on Daniel's devotion to prayer, even when he was threatened to be thrown into a den of lions. What do you remember about each of the main points? What stood out to you or impacted you?
3. What hindrances to prayer do you commonly experience?
4. What did you think about the concept of "visionary prayer"? (Prayer that is aided by a picture that represents the purposes of God)
5. Read Matthew 6:5-8
 - a) According to Jesus, what wrong motivation prompts some individuals to pray?
 - b) What name did Jesus call people who pray for show? Why?
 - c) What type of reward will religious showmanship bring?
 - d) How did Jesus command His followers to pray? (v. 6)
 - e) Where did Jesus suggest we talk to God?
 - f) What type of reward will humility in prayer bring? (v. 6)
 - g) What did Jesus have to say about repetitive or long, windy prayers?
 - h) What common or overused phrases do you hear frequently repeated in people's prayers?
 - i) If God knows what we need before we ask, why should we pray?
6. Read Matthew 6:9-13 (This is commonly known as "the Lord's prayer", but it should probably be called "the disciples' prayer")
 - a) If Jesus commands us to pray in secret (in the previous section), why do you think his example of prayer is in first person plural? (e.g., "Give us this day our daily bread...")
 - b) What does this prayer start with? Why is this important?
 - c) What does it mean to ask for God's kingdom to come on earth?
 - d) What are the other main components of this prayer?
 - e) How can you incorporate the Lord's prayer into your own prayer times?
7. Spend some time praying that God would break all apathy toward prayer. Pray for a stirring in our hearts. And pray for any needs in your Life Group.