

INTRODUCTION

- * Our spring week of Prayer & Fasting is coming up at the end of March ... March 25-29
- * We are setting aside our study of Matthew's account of the ministry of the Messiah in order to spend six weeks considering some of the Biblical instructions and illustrations regarding prayer.
- * Last week, we considered the incredible privilege that we have been afforded to have spiritual communion with the Creator of the heavens and earth!
- * Prayer is communication with God - in worship - that is based upon our relationship with Him. He has redeemed us and given us the privilege of being called His children and the bride of Christ!
- * Since we have such an incredible privilege, it would seem to follow that it would be important to us. Is it?

INSTRUCTION**I. THE PRIORITY OF PRAYER****A. It Was A Priority To _____**

- * Mark 1:29-35; Matthew 14:22-23; Luke 5:15-16; 6:12-13; 22:17-19, 31-32, 39-46;
- * John 17:1-26; Romans 8:34; Hebrews 7:25

B. It Was A Priority To _____

- * Acts 1: 12-14; 6: 2-4; 10: 9; 12: 1-17; 13: 1-3; 14: 21-23; 16: 19-26

C. It Should Be A Priority To _____

- * 1 Peter 4:7; Ephesians 6:13-18; Romans 12:9-13; 1 Timothy 2:1-8; 1 Corinthians 7:3-5; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
- * Psalm 5:1-3

*Prayer is an _____ of the _____
of my _____ with _____*

II. THE PLACE OF PRAYER

A. In P _____ as an Act of P _____ Worship (cf. Matthew 6:5-6; 14:23; Acts 10:9; Psalm 5:1-3)

B. In P _____ as an Act of C _____ Worship (cf. Acts 1:12-14; 2:42; 4:23-31; 12:11-12)

INTROSPECTION

- * WHAT DOES YOUR PRAYER LIFE REVEAL ABOUT YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD?
- * WHAT DOES YOUR PRAYER LIFE REVEAL ABOUT THE PRIORITY OF GOD IN YOUR LIFE?
- * WOULD IT BE HELPFUL TO SET YOURSELF AN ALARM TO REMIND YOU TO PRAY?
- * DO YOU PARTICIPATE IN THE TIMES OF COLLECTIVE PRAYER OF THE ASSEMBLY?
DO YOU PURPOSELY AVOID THOSE TIMES? IF SO, WHY?
- * IS THERE A NEED TO CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK ... AND THEREFORE ACT?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

It may be helpful to re-read the passage before the discussion.

- * How would you rate the importance of prayer in the life of this assembly?
- * What can we "do" as an assembly to help us gain a greater appreciation for the privilege that we have been given?