

Home Group Notes 29th October 2017

Welcome

Have you got a special place of prayer? Is this helpful?

Worship *Sing or say:*

What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear –
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged:
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful,
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness –
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Jesus only is our refuge,
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.

Word *Read Matthew 6:5-15*

1. How often should we pray? (See Ps.119:164)3.
2. The word 'hypocrite' originally meant an actor. In what ways might we be hypocrites in our prayer life?
3. The word 'room' meant a private storeroom. Where can we pray to be away from people? (See Mark 1:35-36)
4. What do you think 'babbling like pagans' means in our society?
5. Why do we need to pray, if our Father knows our needs?
6. What do we mean by 'hallowed be your name'? Is that request honoured in our society?
7. What is meant by God's kingdom? Can you think of any parables Jesus told about the kingdom? (Matt.20: 1-16 Luke 17:20-21)
8. How is God's will already being done in heaven? (See Rev.5:11-14)
9. If God's will were to be done on earth, what differences would you notice?
10. What does 'daily bread' cover?
11. In what way do our sins put us in debt to God?
12. What problem does the 'evil one' pose to Christians, and how do we combat it? (See Eph. 6:10-18)

Witness

Pray the Lord's Prayer from Matt. 6, pausing after each petition to allow the Lord to speak to you. Then, in open prayer, pray for our church and community in the light of that prayer.

Pray for those in need of healing, comfort or freedom from anxiety.