

Praying like Jesus: Discussion Questions

- 1) As you think back over our Prayer series, what are some things that have stood out for you and why?

The Reports of Jesus' prayers in the Synoptics (Synoptics just means: Matthew, Mark & Luke)

- 2) Divide these readings amongst your group. What do you notice about the reports of Jesus praying?
 - a. Matt 14:13, 19, 23; 15:36; 26:26-27
 - b. Mk 1:35; 6:40, 46; 8:6; 14:22-23
 - c. Lk 5:16; 6:12; 9:16, 18, 28; 11:1; 22:32; 24:30
- 3) What can we learn about prayer from these reports?

Bonus Question: Why do you think the Synoptic Gospels don't tell us more about times when Jesus prayed?

The Words of Jesus' prayers in the Synoptics

- 4) Divide these readings amongst your group. What do you notice about the words of Jesus' recorded prayers
 - a. Response to Unrepentant cities/reports from the 72: Matt 11:25-26; Lk 10:21-22
 - b. Gethsemane: Matt 26:36-36; Mk 14:32-39; Lk 22:39-46
 - c. Cry of dereliction/committing his spirit: Matt 27:46; Mk 15:34; Lk 23:46
- 5) What can we learn about prayer from the words of Jesus' prayers?

Bonus Question: Why do you think we have such a limited account of the actual words Jesus prayed in the Synoptics?

- How does it make Jesus' actual prayer words important to pay attention to?

Jesus' Prayer in John's Gospel

- 6) Jesus praying and his words of prayer are very limited in John: Jn 6:11; 11:41-42; 12:28. What do we learn from John's account?
- 7) Read Jn 17. What stands out for you about what Jesus prays for?
- 8) As a result of our preaching series/these studies is there anything you've done/need to do different in your prayer life?

Why not spend a decent amount of time praying as a group