

## **C-Group Study Guide for the week of Sunday, November 12, 2023**

### **The doctrine of Prayer**

Reference from the book "Systematic Theology" by Wayne Grudem

### **Principles of an effective prayer life.**

#### **Part 1**

#### **One:**

We must pray for God's will. What does 1 John 5:14–15 tell us about praying for God's will? How do we see Jesus showing us how to pray in God's will according to Matthew 26:39?

#### **Two:**

We must pray trusting God and having faith in who God is. What promise do we see in Mark 11:24? How does this teaching get misrepresented by many of today's false teachers? According to Psalms 37:1-6, what lifestyle should we live in order to expect our prayers to be answered?

#### **Three:**

What are we talking about faith according to Hebrews 11:1–6? What are other characteristics of a life of faith as mentioned in Hebrews 11?

#### **Four:**

What insights do we see in Psalms 66:16–20, Proverbs 15:8–9 and Proverbs 28:9? How does our personal relationship with God affect our prayer life as mentioned in 1 John 3: 20–24?

#### **Five:**

Sin is the number one barrier to our prayer life. What are the ways described in 1 John 1:9 and Psalms 139:23–24 to find and address sin in our lives?

#### **Prayer:**

Father help us to pray, according to Your will. Help us to truly trust and know who You are by being in Your word daily, and understand the love that You have for us. Lord, give us the faith we need and search our hearts, and lives to expose the sin that is keeping us from a close relationship with you.