

COMMUNITY GROUP STUDY GUIDE

Prayer: Answering God

APPLY // MATTHEW 3:13-4:11

Take some time to review & apply the latest sermon.

1. Read Matthew 3:13-17. What do we learn about the identity of Jesus in this passage?
2. Read Romans 8:1, 14-17; Ephesians 1:1-6; Galatians 3:26, 4:4-7. How do these passages help us understand our identity and apply the Father's words to Jesus to us?
3. What makes it hard to fully embrace our union with Christ and our identity as sons and daughters?
4. How does our identity shape our obedience? How does question our status before God lead to disobedience?
5. Read Matthew 4:1-11. Discuss the areas where Satan tempted Jesus. To which of these are you most vulnerable?
6. How does your union with Christ / identity as a son/daughter help you trust God when tempted?
7. How does remember that we not "only children" and part of God's family help us embrace and enjoy our union with Christ?

STUDY // PRAYER

Study the passage of Scripture aiming to faithfully interpret and apply what you observe. Remember we study God's word not just to increase our knowledge, but to increase our trust in and treasuring of Jesus Christ.

Note: Healthy Bible study asks three questions:

- **Observation:** What do I see?
- **Interpretation:** What does it mean?
- **Application:** Why does it matter?

The questions below focus primarily on observation and application. The following week we'll turn our attention to more application oriented questions.

1. When you think about prayer, what comes to mind?
2. What passages come to mind when you think about the command / need to pray?
3. Do you feel like you excel at prayer? How might your prayer life be more robust?
4. Where do you see aspects of corporate prayer at Restoration Church? How do these encourage/equip you in your individual times of prayer?
5. Spend time praying for this sermon series on prayer, that God might use it to strengthen the prayer life of each Restoration Church member.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Relationships developed and deepened during accountability provide regular encouragement, and when necessary admonition, to spur each other on to delight in the supremacy of Jesus Christ. Ask one another heart-probing, clarifying questions, and help each other apply the gospel to your lives.

QUESTION: What comes to mind when you think about what God thinks about you?