

<u>Life Team Discussion Guide</u> April 8, 2018

Hello Friends!

I started a new sermon series today titled, **Lifeline** – **getting help from God through prayer.** Prayer is a discipline of the Christian life. Prayer is a mighty weapon for us in the battle of spiritual warfare. Prayer is simply talking to God. God tells us in His Word repeatedly to pray. Though we know about prayer, read about prayer and talk about prayer, we often neglect to pray. In this series, we are going to look at and learn examples of people in God's Word who disciplined themselves to pray. May their examples motivate us to pray today.

I hope you enjoy your time of discussion.

- 1. Observation: God spoke through Jeremiah, the Old Testament prophet, to the people of Israel about the importance of prayer. Read Jeremiah 33:1-3. Jeremiah told us God wants us to pray, we need to pray and God answers prayer. Share about a prayer God has answered for you recently? What keeps you from prayer? What is the biggest blessing you receive when you pray?
- 2. Observation: Read Luke 5:15-16 and Luke 6:12-13. These verses show us the priority Jesus placed on prayer as He ministered here on earth. What can we learn from the priority Jesus placed on prayer? What are some reasons why Jesus prayed so often?
- 3. Observation: Read Matthew 6:5-8. Jesus taught us to pray daily, sincerely, specifically and confidently. Share why each one of these ways to pray is important for us today? Why did Jesus place an emphasis on our motives in prayer?
- 4. What is God's application from this passage for you personally? Spend time together as a Life Team praying with one another. You may want to break up into small groups and pray for one another. Pray for your Life Team to continue growing closer to God and one another.