

Believe

Small Group Guide

Session 12

Video: Play Believe video for Session 12. This is available from your Study Gateway account. Each video is approximately 10-14 minutes.

Key Verse: Read the key verse together. *If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened; but God has surely listened and has heard my prayer. Praise be to God, who has not rejected my prayer or withheld his love from me. (Psalm 66:18-20)*

Key Idea: I pray to God to know him, to find direction for my life, and to lay my requests before him.

Group Discussion

As a group, discuss your thoughts and feelings about the following declarations. Which statement are easy to declare with certainty? Which are more challenging, and why?

- I seek God's will through prayer.
- I regularly confess my sins to God.
- Prayer is a central part of my daily life.
- I seek to grow closer to God by listening to him in prayer.

Go through the following questions. Feel free to go through all of them or just a few based on your group size and time restraints.

- 1) What aspect of prayer do you find to be the most challenging? Helpful? Rewarding?
- 2) How has the act of prayer helped you know and understand God better?
- 3) In what ways have you seen and experienced the power of prayer?

Read Mark 1:32-35, Luke 6:12-16, and Matthew 26:36-39

- 1) What specifically inspires you when you examine Jesus' dependence on, confidence in, and commitment to unceasing prayer?

- 2) In what ways has prayer helped you navigate through tough decisions that life throws at us?

- 3) What is one aspect of Jesus' prayer life that you would like to emulate?

Closing Prayer

Close your time together with prayer. Share your prayer requests with one another. Ask God to help you put this week's key idea into practice.