



Pray Like Jesus Prayed

Sunday Morning, October 25, 2015

Review

Today we wrapped up our series on spiritual renovation with a lesson praying like Jesus prayed.

ICEBREAKER:

When we are children, often we pray for things like a new bike, a new toy, etc. What was something you prayed for as a child?

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. What occupies most of your time during an average day?
2. Luke 4:42 and Mark 1:35 state Jesus would rise early, go to be by himself, and pray.
 - a. Are you a morning person?
 - b. What are the advantages of praying in a quiet place?
3. The solitary place Jesus went to is best described as empty, desolate. It's the same word used for desert. Today it would best be described as a place free from distraction.
 - a. What is your solitary place?
 - b. Are you able to find a place to be alone to pray daily?
4. Do you get distracted during prayer? What distracts you?
5. Read John 15:14-15.
 - a. What sort of relationship does Jesus want to have here with us?
 - b. How can we achieve that relationship?
 - c. How does our prayer life change when we know that Jesus is our friend instead of us being a servant?
6. We discussed three ways to find quality time with God.
 - a. Make the Commitment - We commit to all sorts of things daily, like work, school, projects, events - why is it so hard to commit to prayer time with God?
 - b. Set Aside a Time and Place - The bible talks about specific "Times of Prayer" during the day. When could you set aside time during your day to pray? What can you give up to find time if you don't have time right now?
 - c. Pray Expectantly - why do not do this more?
 - d. Share Yourself Completely to God - what keeps us from being completely open with God? What are some things you keep from God in your prayer time?