



# JESUS

Week 3

Pray Like Jesus: Gethsemane

Jesus' prayer in Gethsemane is shocking, disturbing, overwhelming, and life giving because it is so brutally and painfully honest. In the darkest hour of abandonment and betrayal with the cross looming Jesus did not doubt the Father, deny the Father's goodness, rebel against the Father, sin against the Father, or run from the Father. No, instead he got down on his knees to speak with the Father in prayer. And, in Jesus praying we witness one of the great truths about prayer – it is not as often about getting God to do as we ask, but rather getting our will aligned with his so that when the most brutal moments of life envelop us we take the Father's hand to lead us through, and not around, our valleys of darkness.

meditation and discussion:

1. Do you pray to get from God or get God?  
Explain the difference in your own words?  
How does praying to get from God effect or reveal your view of God?
2. Do you pray to move God or for God to move you?  
How would it look different to see your prayer life as a time of sanctification?
3. Do you pray to get out of pain or through it?  
What are the benefits of enduring pain versus avoiding it?
4. Do you courageously punctuate your prayers with "your will be done"?  
Why is that "courageous" for you?
5. Do you pray out of holy or unholy depression?  
What does that look like?
6. Do you pray in faith that God is not the author of sin but is the author over sin?  
How does your faith effect the way you pray?
7. Do you ask your friends to pray for you even if you know they will fail?  
What benefits do you see in requesting the prayers of others?  
How will that effect your faithfulness in praying for others?
8. Do you pray to both hear and accept God's will for your life?  
What is the difference between knowing and accepting it?
9. Do you accept that God will answer your prayers yes, no, or later?  
Give examples of where God has answered your prayers in ways you didn't expect.
10. Do you know that knowing God's will is far easier than walking in it (Hebrews 5:7-8)?  
Where have you seen this truth in your life?
11. Do you know a godly wife who lives like Jesus prayed and is a model of prayer for learning (1 Cor 11:3)?  
How is her life a witness to the gospel?

Prayer: Spend time praying for God's will in your lives.  
Pray for the faith to be in God's will.  
Pray for the strength to accept the cost of being in God's will.  
Thank God for those who have counted the cost and are examples for you,