

SUMMER SEASON

WE ARE CHURCH Session 3: Prayer

BEFORE THE VIDEO:

- Welcome and communion
- Share food (refreshments, desserts, or a full meal)
- Share life together (What's been going on? Things to celebrate? Prayer needs?)
- Pray together

PLAY THE VIDEO:

- Access the video files online: www.westernhillchurch.com/summerseason
- Play BASIC: WE ARE CHURCH - Session 3 (Prayer)
 - Make sure you test the video file and the audio before the group arrives!

AFTER THE VIDEO:

Ask the group the following questions and discuss the video together...

- When you think about prayer, have you thought about it as something you primarily do alone or in community with other believers? Why?
- Francis said: "Give us this day our daily bread. I think some of us would be upset if God only provided for us what we needed today." Think about that.
 - What are your prayers normally like, and how do your prayers need to change?
- Francis also said: "Jesus said to pray in His name. So, what we do is say, 'In Jesus name, amen.' Guys, that's not what He meant. He didn't mean to tack that on to the end of your selfish prayer. When you pray in Jesus' name you are praying for the things Jesus wanted – the things He cared about. It was about His mission."
 - Do you often add the "in Jesus name, amen" to your prayers? How do you need to change the way you think about praying in Jesus' name?
- What if God looked down from heaven and saw us praying the way He wants us to pray, relating to each other the way He wants us to relate, and asking Him for things He cares about? Francis said, "I got to believe that if we did that He is longing to hear that and show off His power! Maybe we haven't seen His power because we haven't been praying for the things He wants us to pray for."
 - How do we need to change our thinking as a group when it comes to prayer? Are we willing to think about prayer differently? Are we willing to think about prayer as a way of life?
- Ask everyone to stand up and grab hands. Ask the group to quote or read the Lord's prayer together. Ask the group to focus on what that passage really means as they say it...

Close in prayer