

### SESSION 2: How To Pray With Confidence

#### VIDEO LESSON

*There is a video lesson for the group to watch together each week. Fill in the blanks in the lesson outline as you watch the video and be sure to refer back to the outline during your discussion time.*

Jesus taught us how to pray, “Our Father in heaven.” One of the words in the Bible for “father” is “Abba,” which simply means “daddy” or “papa.” Abba is a term of endearment, love, intimacy, and security. Jesus was telling us that when you pray to God, you’re talking to your Dad.

When you truly know and understand your heavenly Father, it will radically change your prayer life. It will enable you to pray with more confidence than ever before.

- **God is \_\_\_\_\_ Father.**

Isaiah 49:15

Romans 8:38-39

1 Peter 5:7

- **God is \_\_\_\_\_ Father.**

James 1:17

Malachi 3:6

2 Timothy 2:13

Romans 11:29

Psalms 59:10

- **God is \_\_\_\_\_ Father.**

Hebrews 13:5

Psalms 139:17-18

- **God is never \_\_\_\_\_.**

Psalms 27:10

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- **God loves to** \_\_\_\_\_.

Matthew 7:11

- **God is** \_\_\_\_\_.

Psalm 34:18

Psalm 46:1

- **God is a** \_\_\_\_\_ **Father.**

Luke 1:37

Ephesians 3:20

1 Corinthians 2:9

Are you certain that God is your Father?

John 1:12

When you place your faith in Jesus Christ, then God becomes your caring, consistent, close, competent Father, and you can pray with confidence the way Jesus taught us to pray: "My Father in heaven, hallowed by your name."

Galatians 3:26

### **DISCOVERY QUESTIONS**

*Please don't feel pressured to discuss every question. It's okay to choose the questions that are right for your group. The point is not to race through the session; the point is to take time to let God work in your lives.*

1. Did anyone pray that prayer with Pastor Rick? If so, take time as a group to congratulate and pray for that person.

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2. In this session, we learned that God is a caring, consistent, close, and competent Father. Which of these characteristics has the greatest meaning to you? Why?
3. Ephesians 3:20 says, “God is able to do far more than we would ever dare to ask or even dream of – infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, or hopes.” (The Living Bible)

Rick says, “Think of your biggest problem, your greatest dream, your most daunting challenge or fear. Not only can God handle it, he can do more than you can even imagine.” What are you asking God to do? Is there something you’re afraid to ask for or dream of? God can handle it all.

4. Psalm 34:18 says, “The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.” Has this been true for you? If so, share your experience with the group.

### **PUTTING IT INTO PRACTICE**

*We don't want to just be hearers of the Word, we also need to be doers of the Word (James 1:22). This section contains suggestions for your group and for you individually to apply the things you are learning. Be sure to leave time each week to review this material.*

### **In Your Group: Pray Together**

Take this time to pray with confidence for anyone in your group who may be in a season of heartbreak or experiencing a crushed spirit. This is also a great time to pray for other people in your lives who may be in the midst of a challenging life circumstance or problem.

### **In Your Life: Pray With Confidence**

Look at Ephesians 3:20 again. Take a few moments to soak in the truth that God can do more than you can ever ask or imagine. Journal your response to this Scripture. Take your time with this. We will encourage you to share your thoughts with your group as you start the next session.