

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The Hope of Prayer

1. Who is your first call when something important happens in your life? What does this say about your relationship with that person?
2. When have you experienced answered prayer in a time of suffering or need? How does that affect your trust in God for the future?
3. When have you experienced unanswered prayer in a time of suffering or need? How does that affect your trust in God for the future?
4. How does your prayer life bring to light what you truly hope for? How can the practice of prayer reorient your hope in the midst of a broken world?
5. Have you prayed for something fervently and not seen God answer? How does our culture of immediate gratification affect our expectations of God's response? Has God ever surprised you with how and when he has answered your prayers?
6. How can you participate in God's work in the world through prayer?
7. How does the gospel orient how we pray, when we pray, and for what we pray?