

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The Practice of Prayer

1. Bruce taught that prayer is as simple as talking to God. Do you view your prayer life this way? How often do you talk to God?
2. Do you have any hesitations or hang-ups about prayer? Has prayer ever felt intimidating or boring? What would you say is your single biggest obstacle that keeps you from praying or praying often?
3. What does Bruce mean by saying that prayer is participating with God? Why is it sometimes difficult to believe that our prayers affect God's plans? Do you know any passages or stories in Scripture that teach about God responding to prayer?
4. Charles Spurgeon says that "the very act of prayer is a blessing." Do you view prayer as a burden or a blessing? How is prayer central to all we have been given in Jesus?
5. Are your prayers primarily asking God for provision? When have you prayed simply to praise God? How do you think your relationship with God would be impacted if you began your prayers with praise?
6. How has God been moving in your heart in this first session on the practice of prayer-are you comforted, convicted, challenged? How can you respond?