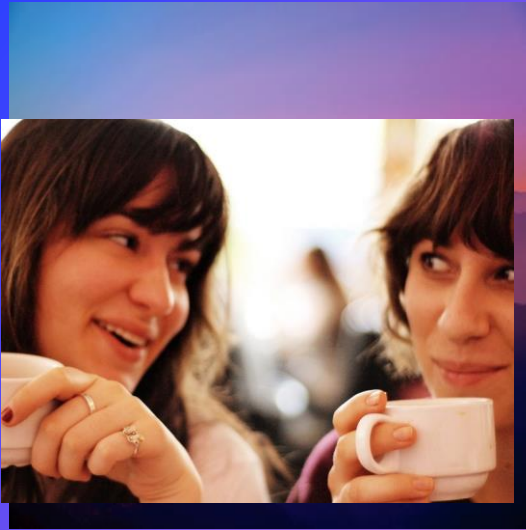


PRAYER

What comes to mind and
what do you do when
someone says; “let us
Pray?”

It is more than that...



Prayer

Does everyone pray?

What is prayer not?

What is prayer?

Now what?

Does everyone pray

“In the great monotheistic religions of Islam, Judaism, and Christianity, prayer is at the very heart of what it means to believe.”

Tim Keller

“Prayer is a personal, communicative response to the knowledge of God. ”



WHAT MAKES OUR CHRISTIAN CASE UNIQUE



Jesus
Scripture
Holy Spirit

CHALLENGES TO A CONSISTENT PRAYER LIFE



Lack of focus

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A wish list to
give away to
God each time
we meet

A spiritual
negotiation or a
transaction

Not a
performance to
impress God

Not a show to
impress
people...

What prayer is....++++

Relational
conversation

Jesus
modelled –
commitment

a longing for
intimacy

Purpose,
promise and
gratitude

Fellowship
with God

Communion
and Kingdom
come

Humble and
watchful
encounter

Part of our
Christian
identity

Authentic prayer

- God-involving and God-glorifying
- Love-seeking and fellowship-conscious
- Praying with the scriptures
- Praying with the church
- Praying with the Spirit



PRAYER

What is prayer, then, in the fullest sense? Prayer is continuing a conversation that God has started through his Word and his grace, which eventually becomes a full encounter with him. ~ Keller



ACTS 2:42-47

WHAT IS PRAYER

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.



NOW THEN...

WHAT IS PRAYER

- Gratitude
- Be present
- Delight and treasure
- Pray faithfully
- I will pray with the Help of the Spirit and the guidance of scripture.
- With the help of I God will keep praying...