

How Shall We Then Live

A Course for People Who Want to Walk with God

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Assignments to Accompany the Teachings

For Home Groups or Mentoring Relationships

**First Series: THE BASICS
(Learning to Connect with God)**

THE BASICS Teaching #9: PRAYING WITH OTHERS

Food for the backpack

Matthew 26:36-46 --Even at the end, Jesus insisted on solitary prayer

Matthew 6:9-15 --The pattern Jesus taught for “together prayer”

Matthew 18:19-20 --Special promises for those who agree in prayer

2 Timothy 1:13-14 --Discipleship incorporates faith and love into a *pattern* of life

Matthew 6:33 --“Seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness”

James 4:1-6 --Asking with wrong motives

Acts 12:1-17 --The early church in prayer

Heart-prodders

Q.: Do you have any experience of praying with others—for example, in church prayer meetings? Has your experience been positive or negative? What made it so?

Q.: Is the purpose of prayer to try to get God to do something for you? If not, what *is* the purpose of prayer?

Q.: Correspondingly, what is the purpose of churches praying, or of prayer meetings? What are we trying to accomplish when we do this?

Assignment

Use the pattern Jesus taught to guide your prayer time, at the end of your meeting. Then talk about how it went. Evaluate. Whenever you pray to God in company with others, try to learn from each experience.