



Session 3 Prayer

INSTRUCTOR



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Goals

In this session, we cover the essentialness of prayer in our spiritual life, and how it causes intimacy between God and ourselves. Dr. Aždajić guides us through what prayer is, the different types of prayer, how God speaks to us, and what we receive when we pray.

Sessions Overview

1. Christian Disciplines
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4. Community and Priesthood of all Believers
5. Decision Making and the Will of God
6. Maturing Your Spiritual Life
7. Joy and Rest for the Soul

Fill in the Worksheet

1. How does Dr. Aždajić define prayer?

2. If prayer was removed from your life, what would be different in the way you live and function?

3. Why is a whisper God's preferred method? When have you heard God whispering to you?

4. What are the two main types of prayer that Dr. Aždajić mentions?

5. Why is prayer important for theological studies?

6. Dr. Aždajić lists out a number of forms of prayer. Simple, liturgical, answering, listening, mystery, grieving, examen, relinquishment, contemplation, intercessory pray, formation, breath prayer, covenant, adoration. Which ones do you normally use? Which ones would you like to integrate into your daily prayers?

7. Are there things that keep you from praying? If so, what are those things? Talk it over with your pastor or mentor.

8. How do we keep trusting God, even when we are not getting the outcome we are praying for?

