



BREAKOUT NOTES:

Transforming Prayer - Daniel Henderson

- We tend to replicate what we've seen or heard. Is the way we pray really how Jesus intended?
- Definition of prayer: talking to God. This definition makes God one big ear and us one big mouth. Telling God about our needs. That's part of it—but not all of it.
- A proper definition of prayer is: prayer is intimacy with God that leads to the fulfillment of His purposes.
- Change our definition for obedience sake.
- Matthew 6 and Luke 11—Jesus's command on how to pray. Present imperative—you must always pray like this.
- 4 movements in the prayer: (modeled after the Lord's prayer)
 - Reverence— (Our Father who art in Heaven) start with God's face and not His hand. His face is who He is, His hand is what He does. If you only seek His hand, you may miss His face.
 - Response— (They kingdom come; thy will be done) surrender my will to His. I don't know what to ask for until I've surrendered and worshipped.
 - Requests – (Give us this day our daily bread) 2 types of requests: resource needs and relationship needs.
 - Readiness – (Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil) getting battle ready. Lord, it's a war out there, I don't have what it takes. I'm relying on your strength to help me.
- The model form (Lord's prayer) has 2 halves: 1st half – all God-ward. 2nd half – man-ward. He Is Worthy, we are needy.
- Don't say—"does anyone have any prayer requests?" This is horizontal, let's go vertical.
- Example-He is worthy -- "tonight before we talk about any of our needs, let's worship the Lord. He is worthy. Lord I want to thank you that recently I have experienced your faithfulness when ____." This is praying the word, unity, specifically, personally. Specificity breeds authenticity.
- Leveling the praying ground with fill in the blank. Keeps long winded people from hijacking and gives shy people an entry point.
- We are needy. "Lord, I'm trusting you to be faithful in ____."
- Instead of doing prayer requests this worships God (He is worthy) and does our requests (We are needy).
- Assign someone to be a scribe to write down what people say during the "we are needy" piece and then email it out.
- The point is obedience.

- Three ways not to start a prayer meeting:
 - Does anyone have any prayer requests?
 - Pray as we feel led.
 - Pray around the circle.
- Definition determines destination.
- How did they pray in the book of Acts? Acts 4:23-31
 - Reverence: “Sovereign Lord who made the heaven and earth.”
 - Response: “To do whatever your hand predetermined.”
 - Requests: “Look upon their threats and grant us boldness....”
 - Readiness: “Continue to speak the word of God with boldness.”
- You will meet resistance as you change the way people pray.
- Strategic Renewal Prayer App
 - Live prayer meetings on Monday mornings

