GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

Pursuing God Through Prayer **November 9,2024**
Week 3: The Practice of Prayer **Jeff Griffin**
Exodus 33:7-11

Ever felt like your prayers are just bouncing off the ceiling? Moses can relate. In this series, an Old Testament hero can help us rejuvenate our prayer life. This weekend, we're getting practical and examining how to effectively practice building our prayer life.

Kicking It Off:

Since the message discussed how prayer is like speaking to God as a friend, describe one of the favorite conversation spots in your home (or nearby).

Discussion:

1. What were some highlights that you learned about Moses and the formation of the "tent of meeting" after the Israelites escaped from Egypt? What was its primary purpose?

"Now Moses used to take a tent and pitch it outside the camp some distance away, calling it the 'tent of meeting.' Anyone inquiring of the Lord would go to the tent of meeting outside the camp." (Exodus 33:7, NIV)

2. Think of a time when God answered a meaningful prayer of yours, or perhaps from someone close to you. How did that affect your relationship with Him?

3. On the flip side, what are some factors that might keep us from regularly meeting with God in prayer? What tends to personally affect your prayer life the most?

4. Jeff described *4 Ways to Deepen our Prayer Lives.* When you think about a proper **set up**, what comes to mind? What's most effective for you?

5. What are some potential things we have to **give up** to meet with God? What can we do to overcome those challenges?

6. List some benefits of why we should **listen up** to God. How can we know when God is speaking?

"The Lord would speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend." (Exodus 33:11a, NIV)

7. What does it look like to **open up** and share deeply with God? What hopes, dreams, and anxieties can you lay at God's feet, in light of Philippians 4:6?

"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done." (NLT)

Wrapping Up

Consider spending some individual time to privately meet with God. Then, pray to be reminded of all the potential benefits of pursuing God daily in prayer. Pray that your group members would grow in connecting with God and that you can encourage each other to do so.