



Part 3: **#AlwaysPrayNeverGiveUp**

INTRODUCTION

Over the past few weeks, we've been talking about prayer as a conversation with God. Last week, John Woodall reminded us of the significance of praying with other people out loud on a regular basis.

But there's an aspect of prayer we will never fully understand in this life. In what ways does prayer impact the future? How do our prayers influence God or change things? Our lack of information here and the trials we face make it easy to give up praying. We grow weary of asking. But Jesus taught his disciples to do just the opposite.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What's something small or insignificant you've prayed for in the past? A ball game? A parking spot? Finding your keys? What else?
2. What did your family believe about the power of prayer when you were growing up? Did they pray as if it could change things or not? What do you think you learned from what they modeled?
3. What have you "grown weary" of praying for in the past? What did you once pray for that you've stopped praying for?
4. Did you feel like you were bothering God with this request? Did you feel like He wasn't acting fast enough? What other reasons might you tend to give up praying?
5. What's something big you feel you want or need God to do now? Why is this important to you? How consistently have you prayed about it? How does the story in Luke 18 impact your thoughts about praying faithfully?
6. When have you experienced an answer to prayer? How did it impact you at the time? How would it impact you now if God answered your big request?
7. Mark Batterson says "Bold prayers honor God." In what way do you think this is so?
8. How can we help each other more faithfully pray for the important things in our lives?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

One day Jesus told his disciples a story to show that they should always pray and never give up.

-Luke 18:1