

Life Group Discussion Series : January 30th – March 16th 2011 (5 - 6 weeks, plus a celebration eve on Wed 16/3)
Series Theme: *Connecting with God*
Aim of this series: *To help us get to know God in a more personal & life-changing way*

Week #2 Dates: Feb 7-11

(Note: the study for week #1 was optional, as some groups will only commence Feb 7-11)

Today's Topic: Connecting with God through Open Communication

Aim: To learn to enjoy talking with God as a real Person.

Let's Focus on – Having an Active Relationship with God, through Praying

Q. Do you find it hard to talk with friends? Do you find it hard to talk with God? Need there be a difference?

Q. (further questions/comments) _____

Observation. Let's Look

Some relevant Bible verses to read & discuss together. **Refs: Luke 11:1-13; Psalm 116:1-2**

Q. What are these scriptures mainly about? (If necessary, read a few verses before & after, to clarify context)

Q. What important truths/points stand out to you as you read these scriptures?

1. _____
2. _____
3. How personal are the opening words of the Psalmist? Was God distant or personally close to him?
4. In the 'Lord's Prayer', Jesus gave us a pattern. First, love & honour God. Then ask for your needs.

Discussion. Let's talk about a few points. (Group leader: feel free to form your own questions as you wish.)

1. 'Prayer is our direct personal link with God.' Is this true? Does believing this make any difference? (Discuss)

Q. _____

2. 'God tells us to 'ask-seek-knock'. How important is it for us to 'ask'? When Jesus tells us to pray boldly & persistently, is this because we have to persuade God? Could there be other reasons? (Discuss)

Q. _____

3. Compare Luke 11:11-13 with Matt 7:9-11. What does this tell us about God's personal nature? (Discuss)

Q. _____

Let's Summarize & Apply all this

Let's review some of what we've discussed.

Q. What do you think is the most important point from what we've discussed?

Q. _____

Let's decide how we can respond.

Q. What could we do? What should we do?

Q. _____

Conclusion. Try to express the main idea in a short sentence. (eg re-state today's topic in your own words)

Pray. Express your commitment to talk regularly with God as a real Person, and to learn to ask in faith.