

1. The Place of Prayer v. 1-2

- Daniel prayed at the dawning of a new regime and while studying the Word. Jer. 25:8; Jer. 24; 25:1-14; 29:10-14
- Pray in the Spirit and the Word of God.
- Rom 8:26; Jude 20
- "The Holy Spirit is the breath of prayer in your soul."

2. The Parts of Prayer v. 3-6

- Seek the Lord. Eph. 6:18
- Petition the Lord.
- Fast before the Lord. (No distractions)
- Be Humble before the Lord.
- Psalm 66:18-20
- Why are my prayers not answered? Eph 4:20-5:10
- Do not Grieve the Holy Spirit.
- Confession and Repentance. Personally/Nation

3. The Praise of Prayer v. 7-16

- Lord, the Great and Awesome God. v. 4-6
 - God keeps his covenant of love to those who obey him.
 - We have not listened and obeyed.
- Lord, you are righteous. v. 7
 - Covered with shame.
- Lord, you are merciful and forgiving.
 - Rebelled and not obeyed.
 - v. 14; 16
 - Turn away your anger and wrath.

4. The Purpose of Prayer v. 17-19

- Lord hear the prayers of your servant.
- Lord, you are merciful.
- Lord Listen! Lord, forgive! Lord, Hear and Act! Zech. 12:10
- The Lord be glorified in Jerusalem, our city, our country.

Intercessory Prayer is pleading for the intervention of the Lord's mercy by confession, praise and seeking His Glory.

Life Group Questions

- Prayer is a theme of Daniel's life. Review the times in Daniel's life and his friends that prayer was evident in their lives.
- Daniel prays at the start of the Medo/Persian empire. Why is it important for us to pray for our political leaders? 2Timothy 2:1-6
- Daniel seeks the Lord in prayer. How does he do this?
- Discuss the "parts of prayer" and how these are to apply to our prayer life.
- Daniel prepared for prayer. What kinds of preparations do you think we could use to make our prayers more effective, not only in seeing answers, but also changing us?
- What keeps us from confessing our sins, as individuals and as a nation?
- Dr Robert Cook said, "If you can explain what's going on in your ministry, God didn't do it." What does that have to say to us about our prayer life and our ministry as a church?
- In what ways do our confession and repentance free up God's work in our lives?
- How does Daniel's prayer life move him to glorify the Lord?
- What step are you going to take as a result of this message?