

The Beacon... From the Lighthouse on the Way

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- Prayer -

Questions to ponder

Do you think we really know the full potential and POWER of our personal prayer...of the church's prayers? Why/Why not?

Do you feel everyone has a personal approach to prayer? Do you feel there is there a wrong way to talk to God?

Pastor Thom speaks of three misconceptions of prayer...magic wand, fire extinguisher and tug of war. Have you ever been guilty of any of these? Can you think of any more?

The true purposes of prayer are very simple, but sometimes hard to follow? Why do you think so? What do you think you need to do in order to pray effectively?

DEDICATION...Devotion to God + Dependence on God Does that make sense to you? How do those words relate to your relationship with God and your prayer life?

COMMUNICATING During one of those times you felt "empty", were you communicating with God? Were you really--both speaking, and listening, to your Friend?

SUPPLICATION The "peace of mind, the result of your requests in prayer—have you experienced it? SUPPLICATION How do your "requests" relate to your passions?

Readings

Scripture references

John 15:7

John 1:8-9

John 3:21-22

Mark 11:24-25

Response Actions for the week

Have you figured out how to STOP yet?

Think about your prayer life....does it need to be refueled? Think about why YOU pray?

Can you make prayer more personal for you and God? How?

Think about your answered prayers. Can you list your best "never asked fors"?

Did you join a SMALL GROUPYET?

Questions God Asks Us

by Trevor Hudson.

Pastor Thom is basing the fall sermon series on this book. Pick up a copy this week following services....for \$10.00.

Start reading the first chapter before September 12th.