

C) 2 Way Communication

What are healthy ways to foster dialogue within our prayer life? Where does God's Word fit into this?

D) Seeking His Face

Read Psalm 27: 4, Psalm 63: 1, Psalm 34: 8

What are these passages communicating to you about your prayer life?
Why do you think that the Bible uses this type of sensory language?

In being reminded afresh that God desires an intimate friendship with us, how does that transform our approach to prayer?

Prayer

We praise God that we are called to be "friends of God". We pray that He would continue to transform us, help us to be obedient, to live by faith, to seek two way communication, and to seek His face.



A Life of Prayer

Growth Group Study Guide

Week 8: Friendship with God

18 July 2021

Psalm 25: 14

Series Overview:

Prayer is not an optional activity of a 'Follower of Jesus', it is central to our faith. Yet many of us struggle to maintain a regular, dynamic prayer life.

We at Lismore Baptist Church have dedicated this present season to listening and responding to God, therefore we will spend this time through our preaching and teaching ministry focusing on prayer, with the hope of God transforming not only our individual prayer life, but also that of our faith community.

We invite you to join with us to explore the possibility of real and lasting prayer transformation, through our weekly Sunday sermons, regular Growth Groups, and our personal devotional times.

May God bless you.

Read Psalm 25: 14

Some versions interpret this passage as the “*Friendship of the Lord is in those who fear Him*”

How would you describe “friendship”?

Think about a special friendship you have or had with a person. What made this relationship so valuable?

In our sermon we talked about the possibility of a friendship with God.

1. It is possible

Read Exodus 33: 11a, and James 2: 23

What do these passages communicate about the relational possibilities with God?

2. Why it’s possible

Reflect on the unique relationship within the Godhead (Trinity). What does that say to us about God’s relational attributes?

Reflect on the fact that God has made us in His image. How does that help us understand God’s desire for friendship with us?

3. How it’s possible

In today’s sermon, we talked about four ways that we can develop an intimate friendship with God

A) Obedience

Read John 15: 14. What does this passage say about our friendship with God? How can we avoid becoming legalistic regarding obedience?

B) Faith

What do we need to accept by faith in order to enjoy our friendship with God?