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Discussion
Gu'de

“SUBMISSION” / “CONFESSION”

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Prayer Is About Confessing ...OUR FAILURES

The Repeats (required)

They are the same, but *WE* change, so please discuss these with your group

- [Share the announcements (on FB thread) with your group]
- Remember, we're going to *open* by sharing God Moments about what He is doing in our lives, but save our prayer requests for the END of Pr'me. Go around and share your God Moments: how have you seen God working, either in your life or in the life of another over the summer? [Leaders: plan for a way to collect prayer requests at the end, then share them with your Pr'me]
- Is there anything that you want to share that has stood out to you so far from the current Point series?

The Reminder (required)

Read this section to review the Point for everyone

- This Week/Last Week's Point:
Nov 6: Prayer Is About Submitting ...to What God Wants
Nov 13: Prayer Is About Confessing ...Our Failures
- This Week/Last Week's Object Lesson:
Alexa does what you ask/Guilty dogs try to hide from their masters
- This Week/Last Week's Bible Passage & Focus Verse: [please look up]
Nov 6: Matthew 6:5-13 (focus verse: 10)
Nov 13: Hebrews 4:14-16 (focus verse: 16)

The Reflection (required)

Discuss these to go deeper, *and more personal*, into applying the Point

- When people *don't* pray, what do you think holds them back?
- If prayer is simply a conversation with God ...share some ways that people pray that make it not like a conversation. [but be kind!]
- Before this series, how did you define or describe prayer?
- Read **Matthew 6:10** and **Luke 22:42**. How does Jesus instruct and demonstrate prayer as *submission*? What does this mean?
- Read **Matthew 6:8,11**. We'll look further in week 4, but for now..., how can we balance God's desire to hear our needs vs. submission?
- Before this series, how did you define or describe confession?
- Read **2 Samuel 12:7-13**. What does confession actually mean?
- Read **Hebrews 4:16**. We are told that we can come boldly to God's throne. What does this mean? *Why* can we have this boldness?
- Do you practice confession when you pray? Why or why not?
- In what ways do your prayers sound more like an Alexa request than a conversation? What do you need to do or think to change that?
- What meaningful prayer ideas or "methods" have you seen in the Bible or from other godly Christ-followers? Make a list as a group.
- Which 1 of these above will you attempt this week as you pray?

The Reinforcement (optional)

Use these questions for further discussion during your group, or at home

- Look up these different prayers in the Bible and answer the following questions for each prayer:
 - **Judges 16:28-30** • **Nehemiah 2:4** • **Job 3:11-19** • **Psalms 51**
 - **Jonah 4:1-4** • **Habakkuk 1:2-4** • **John 17:20-23** • **Acts 7:59-60**
- In what ways was each prayer a *conversation* with God?
- In what ways was each prayer *real, raw, and honest*?
- What can you learn *about prayer* from each prayer?