Praying To Exalt God

School Of Prayer

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**Life Group Discussion Questions:**

1. Thinking back on this week’s sermon, was there a particular point or passage that challenged you, confused you, or caught your attention?
2. Think back on your prayer life since the beginning of the School Of Prayer series. Discuss how the School Of Prayer book assisted you in your efforts to pray more consistently and with God as the center of your thinking and praying.
3. Read **Acts 17:24-25.** God doesn’t need our prayers. Why does he direct us to pray?
4. Read **Romans 11:33-34.** Brian preached that…” we like to focus upon the characteristics of God that are most appealing to us”. Discuss the many facets of God’s character; seek the input of your group members to expand upon your understanding of God.
5. Read **Acts 16:25-26.** Bearing in mind that Paul and Silas had just been beaten and imprisoned, discuss the remarkable nature of their prayers at that moment in time. Do you pray prayers of adoration when things are going poorly in your life?
6. Stop now as a group to ask several members to model prayers of praise and adoration.
7. Read **1 Peter 2:9.** Brian reminded us that we “…declare the praises of the things that we are most delighted in”. Have group members share occasions where, through openly sharing their delight with Jesus, they were able to influence a friend, family member or stranger.
8. Read **Psalm 77.** How can weacknowledge and express ourselves emotionally to God, while at the same time recognize that no matter our emotions, God is still good and worthy of our praise?
9. **Application:** Ask a group member to summarize the reasons why God-centered prayer is more effective than me-centered prayer. Pray silently for 60 seconds a prayer that models these points. Keep this prayer in mind in the coming days and use it to begin your prayer time with God.
10. **Challenge**: Resolve to continue your persistent, God centered prayers. Resolve to make use of “The School of Prayer” booklet you received at Grace.

Memory Verse: “Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.” Colossians 4:2