

**Prayer Series 2014, #2**  
**What Is Prayer?**

**I. Ideas From Growing Up**

- A. Observation
- B. Experiences
- C. Teaching
- D. Conclusion – I can't do that!

**II. Definition**

- A. The language that happens when one is in a relationship with God
- B. Many forms of language
  - Casual – formal
  - Emotional – intellectual
  - Musical – written
  - Corporate – personal
- C. Not just one style

**III. Based On The Relationship With God**

- A. Knowledge of God
  - Subjective – in relation to me – perception
  - Objective – apart from me – truth
- B. Knowing who I'm praying to makes all the difference
  - Impacts what I say and how I listen
- C. That is why so much of prayer is worship
- D. It is seeking God's will because of who He is – not my need
- E. Prayer then impacts everything
  - I Thessalonians 4:17 "Pray without ceasing"
  - Words – Spoken
  - Mind – Thought
  - Heart – Felt – Romans 8

**IV. Prayer Is Practical**

- A. Listening for God's Will
  - His Word
  - His Spirit
- B. Words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart
  - Guidance
  - Questions/Answers
  - Situational – present
  - What is Your will?
- C. Meditation/Application
  - What did You say, Lord?
  - What does this mean to me?
  - This becomes the subject of communication

**V. Ideas On Praying**

- A. Prayer responds to the conscious awareness of God's presence – "without ceasing"
- B. It includes:
  - Adoration
  - Confession
  - Thanksgiving
  - Supplication
- C. Prayer is a language – the more you speak it the better you get – so pray!
- D. The deeper your relationship with God (i.e. knowledge) the more you will communicate – so keep getting to know more of God!
- E. Next week – How Jesus taught His disciples to pray.