



# LifeGroup Discussion Questions

## Shaped to Pray | April 25, 2021

### Summary

You can have a powerful and purposeful prayer life.

### Scripture

“My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations.” Isaiah 56:7 (NIV)

“For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.” Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)

“Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen.” Ephesians 3:20-21 (NLT)

“You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.” 1 Peter 2:5 (NIV)

“So then, since we have a great High Priest who has entered heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to what we believe. This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.” Hebrews 4:14-16 (NLT)

### Let’s Start

When was the last time you sensed God communicating with you? What happened? If you can’t think of a time recently, why do you think that is?

### Gratitude and Prayer

What happened this past week that you are grateful for? What would you like to pray for today? How did God work in your life since the last time we were together? What is He doing through you as it relates to your Adopt 7?

## Let's Talk

1. Pastor Dale shared the following ways we can connect with God in our prayer life. Which one of the points below connects with you most strongly? Why?
  - Effective prayer is more about relationship and less about technique.
  - Effective prayer believes that God is able to do more than we can imagine.
  - Effective prayer does not rely on emotions.
  - Effective prayer happens when it becomes the culture of Christ's Church and we involve ourselves.
2. What has helped you connect to God on a heart level in prayer?
3. What do you find to be the greatest obstacle to praying daily? What's a step you can take to overcome that?
4. We learned that every believer is a "living stone" with a unique prayer purpose. How do you feel God has "shaped" you for prayer?
5. What did you think about the article Pastor Dale read by J. Sidlow Baxter, *The Day My Emotions Joined Me in Prayer*? What part do emotions play in your prayer life?

## Let's Act

What part of Wooddale's culture of prayer do you find yourself most excited about? How can our group engage in Wooddale's culture of prayer? Visit [wooddale.org/prayer](http://wooddale.org/prayer) to learn more.

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