

## Shaping Our Time Together...

Use the following tools to dig into the passage together. The purpose is not just to answer questions but to use these tools to handle God's word well.



What shines from the passage- something new or fresh? What stuck out for you and what surprises were there?



Did these verses raise any questions as you read? How is God calling you to think differently?



Where do you see something of the Father, Son or Holy Spirit?



Make it Personal: What is it telling you to do, commit to or challenges you for an obedient response? How is God changing what I love?



What is there from these verses that you would want to share with someone- Christian, family member or non-Christian?



Why are these verses in the Bible? How do they fit into the Bible's big story?



Try Praying with your Bible open. Where in the passage is there something to..

**ADORE-** What did you learn about God for which you should praise or thank him?

**ADMIT-** What did you learn about yourself for which you could repent?

**ASPIRE-** What did you learn about life that you could aspire to ask for and act on?

# Small Group Dates

## Week 1 Beginning 25th September

The Saviour Who Prayed

Mark 1: 35-39, Luke 6:12-15, Mark 6:45-52,

Luke 9:28-29, Luke 22: 31-34,

Hebrews 5: 7-8

## Week 2 Beginning 9th October

The High Priest: John 17: 1-25

## Week 3 Beginning 23rd October

The Teacher: Luke 11: 1-13

## Week 4 Beginning 6th November

In The Garden: Matthew 26: 36-42

## Week 5 Beginning 20th November

On The Cross: Luke 23: 32-34, Matthew 27:

45-50, Luke 23: 44-49

## Week 6 Beginning 4th December

Praying Even Now: Hebrews 7: 23-28,

Romans 8: 31-39



*Small Groups*

**THE SAVIOUR WHO PRAYS**

But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.  
Luke 5 v 16

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**CHRYSTON PARISH CHURCH**

## Why Small Groups

**Small groups are a key part of the life of the church family. In small groups we grow, care for, send out disciples as we seek to become more like Jesus from the inside out.**

### At Small Group...

- **we grow together as disciples as we dig into God's word and pray for each other.**
- **we care for each other as disciples sharing life and committing to one another.**
- **we send each other out as disciples encouraged to love and follow Jesus in our day to day lives.**



## A Saviour Who Prayed

One thing all people are supposed to do is to pray to God the Father. Nobody was better at praying than Jesus. When Jesus prayed, he didn't talk to himself. He prayed to God the Father.

Here are three reasons why Jesus, though fully God, prayed to God.

## Jesus prayed because he depended on God his Father.

Jesus came to do only what God the Father wanted him to do ([John 6:38](#)). Once, right after he healed a man who had been unable to walk his entire life, Jesus said he wasn't able to do anything on his own but only what he saw the Father doing (5:19, 30). When Jesus had hard decisions to make, like deciding who his first 12 disciples would be, he went off by himself and prayed ([Luke 6:12](#)).

He taught that prayer was necessary to do some difficult things, like healing people ([Mark 9:29](#)). And on the night he was arrested, Jesus went to the garden of Gethsemane, and he prayed a lot ([Matt. 26:36](#)). Jesus prayed because, as a human, he needed God the Father to help him.

## Jesus prayed because he enjoyed talking to his Father in heaven.

Sons and daughters should like talking to their fathers, and Jesus was no different. Maybe the greatest prayer in the entire Bible was prayed by Jesus the night before he was crucified ([John 17](#)).

In that prayer, Jesus prayed for himself, for his first disciples, and then for Christians like you and me who would live later in history. Jesus counted it a privilege to be able to talk to God the Father, and he was excited to pray for people like you and me.

## Jesus prayed to teach us how to pray.

Jesus was so good at prayer that his disciples once asked him to teach them how to pray. The prayer Jesus taught them is found in [Matthew 6:9–13](#). Since that time, Christians have called this prayer "[The Lord's Prayer](#)."

## Jesus counted it a privilege to be able to talk to God the Father.

More than just giving us the right words to say, Jesus taught us through his life how important prayer is. He liked to pray by himself early in the morning ([Mark 1:35](#)). Jesus often went off by himself and prayed and when he did, Jesus's disciples were watching. They knew that no one has ever had a closer relationship with God the Father than Jesus.

They learned that if it was important for Jesus to pray, then it should be important to us as well.

If you would like to read some Bible notes on the passages why not read here on the Website of Torrance Parish Church.

[www.torranceparishchurch.org.uk/the-word-of-god/daily-bible-reading-notes/](http://www.torranceparishchurch.org.uk/the-word-of-god/daily-bible-reading-notes/)

