



SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

Know God / Week 2

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BOTTOM LINE

Prayer helps us know God better.

SCRIPTURE

The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth (Psalm 145:18 NIV).

*For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, I have not stopped **giving thanks** for you, **remembering** you in my prayers. I keep **asking** that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better (Ephesians 1:15-17 NIV, emphasis added).*

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To help students see prayer as a conversation with a friend, not a vending machine.

THINK ABOUT THIS

Leaders—in this phase it's important for students to understand that their faith journey is bigger than what happens inside of your church program every week. That's why in this series we'll be talking about four habits for growing a personal faith (hear, talk, live, pray). This week we're talking about praying to God so that we can know Him better.

Create meaningful conversation. Adjust the questions as needed, and don't feel like you need to answer all of them.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. You have one dollar. What's your go-to vending machine snack?
2. In what ways do we view prayer like a vending machine?
3. How do you tend to respond when you don't get your prayers answered?
4. What's your #1 obstacle when it comes to prayer?
5. How could prayer help you know God better?
6. Today we talked about four ways to pray: Gratitude, Honesty, Praise, Asking. When it comes to praying, which of these four do you do the most and which do you do the least?
7. As a group, think about the four ways to pray that we talked about. How does each one help you know God better?
8. When's one time each day you can set aside time to pray this week? (Leaders—encourage your students to set a reminder on their phones to pray at that time each day this week.)

TRY THIS

Leaders—text your students and tell them how you're praying for them this week.