# Connection Equipping Academy exists to equip followers of Jesus to do God's work in the World

Connection Equipping Academy Growing In Knowing God Topic // Prayer

### **OVERVIEW**

As we seek to grow in knowing God, we have explored His attributes as an essential foundation. We want to expound on the practical ways this knowledge of God strengthens us in daily life. For our next sessions, we will see the distinct roles of discipleship and evangelism, Scripture, prayer, the local church, and family all deepen our knowledge of God and breathe life into the purposes God has planned for our lives and His kingdom.

Scriptures mentioned: Ephesians 1:15-22 Nehemiah

#### INTRODUCTION

Every relationship functions on the basis of communication. The relationship's vitality and growth all rely on the motivation and love that we invest in it. In our relationship with God, prayer is the most essential and practical way that we each connect with God personally and experience joy in maturity.

#### Reminders

- We cannot know God without the help of the Word.
- Scripture doesn't come alive without the Holy Spirit.
- We primarily listen to God through Scripture. Through its filter, we can also listen to Him through the thoughts, questions, and statements He plants in our minds as the Spirit refines our hearts to hear.
- It is God's will that we gain His wisdom, revelation, understanding, and know riches of His glory so that we appreciate the power of His greatness.
- Christ supersedes all and is mightier than all. Nothing is too big or too small!

Use the following page to take note of anything that stands out to you to meditate and pray about.

In the following pages, choose one application at a time to pray about and explore with God as you seek to deepen your love and relationship with Him and with others. Work your way through the list over time and don't try to "accomplish" the list at once.

## PERSONAL APPLICATION for prayer

**Application 1 -** Pray big prayers. Do we believe God can answer our biggest requests?

**Application 2 -** How can we make our prayers more personal when communicating with God? Maybe we need to tear down strongholds, or gain a better understanding of who God is and what God has done for us. Approach Him with confidence and humility, knowing He answers our genuine requests and questions.

**Application 3 -** Pray with other people. Express yourself in the authenticity of who you are as you grow, and value the differences of others in the way they commune with God. Let that influence and motivate you as you pursue God.

**Application 4 -** Pray for other people. Who weighs the most on your spirit when you think of them? Pray what you desire for them and practice listening to God through the lens of Scripture (Ephesians 1) to pray His Word over them. Likewise, pray for your enemies. Let God exercise the muscles of compassion and humility as you seek Him to love others as He has loved you.