Text: Various Topics: Prayer Series: More Disciplines! Monroe Bible Church January 29, 2023 Pastor Dan Krahenbuhl

Prayer: A Discipline?

Prayer should be an important part of *every Christian's* life!

I. Explanation of Prayer

Prayer is the *conversation* with God that flows from a *relationship* with God.

II. Examples of Prayer

The New Testament shows a priority of <u>continued</u> <u>devotion</u> to both <u>corporate</u> and <u>solitary</u> prayer.

III. Exhortations for Prayer

The New Testament exhortations show that the rewards are <u>many</u> and the requirements are <u>few</u> for prayer.

<u>Application Questions</u> - These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group for even more benefit.

1. How would you define prayer to someone who's brand new to Christian faith?

2. According to Isaiah 59:2, Psalm 66:18, and Hebrews 11:6 what is required for a person's prayers to be heard by God?

3. What do the following examples teach us about prayer?

The early church (Acts 1:14; 2:42)

The apostles (Acts 6:3-4)

The apostle Paul (Colossians 1:3, 9)

Jesus (Luke 5:16; 6:12; 22:39-44)

Which of these examples are helpful to you? Why?

4. What requirements for prayer do you see in the following verses?

James 4:3

1 John 5:14-15

Matthew 21:22

5. What rewards do you see for prayer in the following verses?

John 14:13-14

James 5:16

Philippians 4:6-7

6. Grade yourself on your prayer life, 1 being low, 10 being high. Why did you give yourself this grade? What would help you move up 1-2 numbers?