

I pray
so that you may know Him better

- I. I pray that you would come to *know* Him.
 - A. May you *believe* in the Lord Jesus.
 - B. May you *love* His people.

- II. I pray that you will *walk* with Him.
 - A. I *thank* God for you.
 - B. I *bring* your name to God.

- III. I pray that you will know Him *deeply*.
 - A. I pray to the *God* and *Father* of Jesus.
 - B. I ask that the *Spirit* will make the *Father* known.

Ephesians 1:15-17

For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, 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.

Care Group Questions

“The One Big Prayer”
Text: Ephesians 1:15-17

Dave Dawson

May 27, 2007

I pray so that you may know Him better. Read Ephesians 1:15-17.

1. What three words would characterize or describe your prayer life?
2. What specific prayers of yours were answered by God? What prayers felt as if they were not answered?
3. A major goal of prayer is mentioned at the end of verse 17 (“so that...”). What do you think this means?
4. In verse 15, Paul rejoices about the people that he “heard about” who came to know God. What are the two criteria he used to describe them?
5. Using the two criteria in verse 15, pray for one or two people you know that you desire to come to know God.
6. Notice the “I have not stopped” and “I keep asking” statements that imply regular ongoing prayer. Who would you like to pray for every day this week? What are the ongoing concerns in their life that you would pray about? Pray for them by the guidance given in verse 16—to give thanks for them and to remember them by name.
7. According to verse 17, what is the way that God uses “so that you may know Him better”?
8. What part does each person of the Trinity play in helping us to know the Father better?
9. What words would describe your own “knowing Him better” at this point in time?
10. Pray for one another in the group utilizing the way that is laid out for us in verse 17.

Care Group Questions

“The One Big Prayer”
Text: Ephesians 1:15-17

Dave Dawson

May 27, 2007

I pray so that you may know Him better. Read Ephesians 1:15-17.

1. What three words would characterize or describe your prayer life?
2. What specific prayers of yours were answered by God? What prayers felt as if they were not answered?
3. A major goal of prayer is mentioned at the end of verse 17 (“so that...”). What do you think this means?
4. In verse 15, Paul rejoices about the people that he “heard about” who came to know God. What are the two criteria he used to describe them?
5. Using the two criteria in verse 15, pray for one or two people you know that you desire to come to know God.
6. Notice the “I have not stopped” and “I keep asking” statements that imply regular ongoing prayer. Who would you like to pray for every day this week? What are the ongoing concerns in their life that you would pray about? Pray for them by the guidance given in verse 16—to give thanks for them and to remember them by name.
7. According to verse 17, what is the way that God uses “so that you may know Him better”?
8. What part does each person of the Trinity play in helping us to know the Father better?
9. What words would describe your own “knowing Him better” at this point in time?
10. Pray for one another in the group utilizing the way that is laid out for us in verse 17.