

Middle School Discussion Guide

Praying With Fire: For the week of February 20 - 26, 2022

"...if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land." (2 Chronicles 7:14 ESV)

Open Discussion Question:

- Have you ever wanted "something" so bad that you kept asking your parents for it? Did you ever get that special something from your parents? Why or Why not?

There are 4 things from 2 Chronicles 7:14 that we can learn about our prayer life.

1. We need to humble ourselves before Jesus.
2. Pray with him. (It's not just about asking for things, because God is not a Genie. He is a father who wants to have a dialogue or open communication with us.)
3. Seek him. (Doing all that we can to seek him and be in His presence.)
4. Turn away from sin. (When we follow Jesus and want to grow stronger in prayer, it means we need to turn away from things that can pull us away from him.)

God's love is shown through prayer. It's not just about our desires or wants being met.

"And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'" (Matthew 28:18-20 ESV)

Discussion Points:

- From the four points (Humble ourselves, Pray with him, Seek him, Turn away from sin), which area do you need to work on more? Why?
- When was the last time you prayed for someone? Did you see God do anything?
- Is there someone right now that you know who needs to experience God's love? Pray for them with your group members.