

Welcome Home



Welcome Home: A Place of Prayer September 4, 2022

Speaker: Pastor Mark Batterson

Scripture: Psalm 92:13

Sermon Overview: Our highest privilege and greatest responsibility is prayer. Prayer is the difference between the best WE CAN DO and the best GOD CAN DO, and that's a big difference. Prayer is the way we WRITE HISTORY before it happens.

Sermon Series Questions:

1. "When" and "where" do you pray?
2. How can you take steps to advance or grow your prayer life to the next level?

Sermon Specific Questions:

1. To prioritize prayer in your life, you need a "when" and a "where." Brainstorm a place or setting that would work for you. What will be your place where you can make prayer a habit?
2. To cultivate a consistent prayer life, when would be a good time that you can carve out, whether at the start of your day, the end of your day, and/or somewhere in the middle? (tip: set your phone alarm as a reminder)
3. James 4:2-3 discusses that you have not because you ask not. What are some of the things you have avoided or unknowingly neglected to ask God to help or heal? Will you decide to begin asking Him to come into those places and spaces?
4. When Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane, he was in agony and prayed more earnestly (Luke 22:44). What causes you to pray more earnestly? What are things that draw you closer to a yearning with intensity?

Digging Deeper:

- Tips for your Prayer Time:
 - When you don't know what to pray. Pray the Bible.
 - Grab a journal, notebook, or cards. You can write down your prayers and/or people and events to pray over.
 - Pray: God, what is your agenda for me? Where are you at work, and how can I be a part?
 - Remember, prayer is like using a muscle, it takes time to build, so give yourself grace as you form new habits.
- In your personal prayer time, begin processing and talking to God about your emotions. This will help your reactions to people and situations. (Ex. God, I give you my (*name emotion*); it's too much for me to bear.)

Practical Application:

- House of Prayer - launches Thursday, September 8, at 7:14 pm at Capital Turnaround. Join us every Thursday beginning Sept. 8 at Capital Turnaround. Visit ncc.re/houseofprayer for more details.
- Upper Room is a new community space dedicated solely to prayer. All are welcome. Upper Room opens Tuesday, Sept. 13, at Capital Turnaround (8th and L St. entrance).
- Join in Focused Prayer Set Times:
 - Tuesdays, 7:14 am in the Upper Room
 - Wednesdays: Virtually 7:14 am on [Upper Zoom](#) (use link to fill out the form and see dates) and Noon in person at Upper Room
 - Thursdays: 7:14 am in the Upper Room
- Download the NCC app or visit ncc.re/daily to listen to short, daily teachings M-F accompanying this series.
- Join a small group ncc.re/groups to discover ways you can use your talents and passions to serve the various church campuses in-person and online.
- Make a Bible reading plan a daily discipline and connect with NCC Daily. (Download the [NCC app](#) to find our plan).