

Generation Next Sunday Service Teaching- 26th May. 2013 by David A. Adeyeye, Esq

Topic: **How should we pray:** Jeremiah 29:11-13

Key Activities:

- Praise & Worship
- Prayer & Prayer Request
- Bible reading & lessons
- Memory Verse for the week: **Psalm 141:2" *May my prayer be set before you like incense; may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice"***

INTRO: Last week we learned that prayer is communicating or talking with God. So how should we pray? When we pray, God wants us to pray with all of our heart (Jeremiah 29:13) We should pray earnestly and not half heartily. We should not pray just so other people will think we are godly.

God does not want us to pray mechanically like robots. He wants us to pray heart-felt prayers. He wants us to tell Him our desires, our fears, our hopes, and He wants us to sing songs of joy to Him when we are happy. Praying before meals and bedtime is good, but He wants to hear from us more often than that. He wants to be involved in our lives, to comfort us when we are sad, strengthen us when we are scared and laugh with us when we are happy. God will give true meaning and direction to our lives. We need to make Him part of our lives throughout the day by reading His Word, the Bible and seeking Him through prayer.

BIBLE Reading: Jeremiah 29:11-13. Let's find out what happened. The class read together.

Class Reflection:

1. Will God listen when we pray? (Yes, God listens to our prayers.)
2. What kind of plans does God have for us? (*Plans to prosper, for hope and a future, and plans to keep us from harm.*)
3. How can we seek and find God? (*We can find God when we earnestly seek Him with all of our hearts.*)
4. God wants to give us hope and a _____? (*Future.*)
5. When we pray we should pray with _____? (*All of our hearts.*)

Fun Activities: 1) TBD

To parents: This page lets you know what your child learned in GenerationNext today. In addition, you will find this week's memory verse, a suggested activity, and a short prayer to reinforce the lesson.

What we learned:



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Memory Verse:



"Praise be to God, who has not rejected my prayer or withheld his love from me!" (Psalm 66:20)

Practice this verse with your child during the week. This will not only help him or her remember the verse, but it will also help give your child a desire to commune with God on a regular basis.

Suggested Parent/Child Activity:



Have your son or daughter help you write an original song of praise to God. Make up your own melody or sing it to a well known tune you both know. If creating a song is a bit too difficult, write a poem together with your child praising God for the goodness He has shown you.

Daily Prayer:



Dear Father God, may we come before You often, sharing our deepest thoughts, joys and fears. May our prayers never be stiff, forced or mechanical - but instead be expressions of our inmost being. Amen.