

When You Pray Session 4 Notes

It is okay to lack clarity in the In this week, we look at prayers of adoration of who God is. Jen's study style is not to give all the answers, and force us to "dwell in the unknown" all week. As Jen says on page 81, meditating on and proclaiming God's excellencies cause us to see our weaknesses and failings in a different light.

Day 1

Scriptures For The Day

Psalms 139

Job 37:16

Psalms 44:20-21

Psalms 147:5

Isaiah 40:27-28

Romans 11:33-35

In this day, we worship God for His omniscience- His complete and total knowledge. Take some time and read through the Scriptures for this day and compile a list of all that God knows. How does this make your ladies feel comfort? Does it make them feel discomfort?

What did your ladies put in the orange box on page 86?

It may be strange that although God knows everything, He still wants to be invited into relationship with us. When we open our hearts to God, we are communicating that we trust Him, that we willingly submit to Him, that we want and need His help.

Day 2

Scriptures For The Day

Revelation 1:8

Romans 11:36

Jeremiah 10:10

Psalms 90:2

Psalms 102:12

Isaiah 41:4

1 Kings 8:27

Jeremiah 23:23-24

Isaiah 66:1

Acts 17:27-28

Exodus 15:6

Psalms 89:13

Psalms 98:1

Isaiah 48:13

In this day, we worship God for His eternality and His omnipresence

- Eternality- God has existed forever. He has no beginning or end.
- Omnipresence- God is fully present everywhere.

Again, take some time to read the Scripture referenced above. What information is gleaned about God by reading these verses?

What did your ladies put in the orange box on page 91?

Day 3

Scriptures For The Day

Genesis 1:1

John 1:1-4

2 Cor 5:17

Colossians 1:15-17

Revelation 4:11

Psalms 24:1

Job 11:7-9

Psalms 119:96

Psalms 147:5

Isaiah 40:28

Psalms 145:3

Romans 11:33-35

In this day, we worship God for more incommunicable attributes:

- God is incomprehensible- God is beyond our understanding. We can comprehend Him in part, but not in whole.
- God is infinite- God has no limits to His person and His power.
- God is self-existent- He is dependent on nothing and no one to give Him life or existence.

There is a theological idea called Creative Rule- the premise behind this is that since God created the world out of nothing, then He should have the right to rule. We would not be here without Him- as such, God makes the rules that we must obey. He sets the parameters for life. Because He is our good Creator, and knows what we need- He knows what parameters to set for our lives, in order that we spiritually flourish.

Day 4

Scriptures For The Day

Romans 8:13

Galatians 5:24

Colossians 3:5-6

1 John 3:2-3

In this day, we look at the holiness of God. Because of God's holiness, He exacts His wrath on the sin of the world.

Jen looks at what David hates- it those that are opposed to God. She then takes us to consider what we should hate- that is sin that is opposed to God. Just as David wanted people who opposed God put to death, so we should want our sinfulness to be put to death (through the process of sanctification).

I like Jen's question on page 99- how does meditating on God's character reorient us to hate what He hates?

Day 5

Scriptures For The Day

Romans 8:38-39

We wrap up this week by looking at the closeness and intimacy of God. Isn't incredible, that after spending all week looking at these incommunicable attributes of God- omniscience, omnipotence, omnipresence, eternality, incomprehensibility, and His holiness- that He is a personal God, that wants to be invited in to search us, know our hearts, and lead us in the way everlasting.

Do the ladies in your group feel comfortable opening their hearts up to the Lord? Do they feel uncomfortable with that? What are some perceived obstacles in allowing God to know us?