



Tri-Village Sermon Discussion Questions
Topic: *Deepening Your Relationship with God*
Text: Various Scriptures
Service Date: October 26, 2025

Note: The questions are only a starting point for discussion. Don't hesitate to modify, adapt, or highlight only specific ones to fit your group and/or personal study.

Getting Started

- When was the last time you had film developed at a photo center? How does the idea of God “developing” you over time resonate with your spiritual journey?
- As we begin this focus on prayer, how would you honestly describe your prayer life right now — thriving, struggling, routine, or somewhere in between?
- What do you tend to pray for most consistently — your needs, others’ needs, or to know God more deeply? Why do you think that’s the case?

Sermon Discussion

- Psalm 100:4 says, “Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.” What does it look like for prayer to begin with adoration and thanksgiving rather than requests?
- Job’s breakthrough came when he saw God more clearly (read Job 42:1–6). When you focus on God’s greatness, how does it (or should it) change how you pray?
- How can we avoid treating prayer like a “genie in a bottle” or a list of demands? What helps you keep your prayers rooted in God’s character rather than your circumstances?
- “Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him” (Psalm 37:7a). Do you struggle to be still and wait patiently for God? Why or why not?
- Why do we struggle so much with waiting for God’s timing? What does this reveal about our trust and faith in Him?
- Think about the conversations you’ve had this week. How much time have you spent listening to others? What does that say about how you approach listening to God in prayer?
- When’s the last time you were silent before God — not asking for anything, just listening? What was that experience like for you?

- Read Matthew 7:9–11. What does it mean to pray with confidence and expectation rather than fear or doubt?
 - How does knowing God’s character — that He is a loving Father — shape the way you bring requests to Him?
 - Have you ever prayed for something specific and realized later that God answered in a completely different (and better) way than you expected? What did you learn from that?
 - The sermon reminded us that “prayer is not a formula but a fellowship... not a transaction but a transformation.” How can your prayer life become more relational and less mechanical?
 - What might change if you approached prayer as time with God instead of time for God?
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This Week’s Action Response

- What’s one way your prayer life can grow over the next 40 days? What habit or weakness needs to be strengthened so prayer becomes more natural, consistent, and joy-filled?
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Upcoming Impact Opportunities (tri-village.org/events)

- Activities with Residents at Tuscany Gardens Care Center- Wed., Nov. 5, 6-7pm
 - Caroling at Nursing Homes- Wed., Dec. 3, 5:30-7pm
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40 Days of Prayer (tri-village.org/40daysofprayer) October 27 – December 5

Step into a powerful season of intentional prayer and spiritual renewal. From October 27 through December 5, we invite you to commit to 40 days of focused prayer—seeking God’s guidance, peace, and purpose in our lives, our communities, and the world. Whether you’re praying individually, with family, or as part of a group, this is a sacred opportunity to draw closer to God and stand together in faith. Let’s believe for transformation—one prayer at a time.

Available Prayer Space- Every Monday during the 40 Days of Prayer, the Sanctuary will be open from 7am to 7pm. There will be no set agenda, just a place where you can come and quiet your heart while you pray.

Visit tri-village.org/40daysofprayer for more info, resources, and to submit a prayer testimony.