

GROWTH GROUP DISCUSSION

CONNECT

Is there something you're afraid of that people might not guess about you? Was there ever something you were afraid of but now you're not? What changed?

LEARN & APPLY

For many people, prayer can seem intimidating, but the truth is humility and honesty go a long way in powerful prayer!

Am I good enough for God to hear my prayer? Read Luke 18:9-14.

- In the case of each of the prayers in this parable, why are they talking to God? What do they want from God?
- If God were to audibly answer them in this parable, what do you think he would say to each of them? Why?
- What do you think Jesus is teaching us about what God values in our prayer life by telling this parable?

What if I don't know what to pray for? Read 2 Chronicles 20:12-17.

- How would you describe the way these people prayed?
- The day after this prayer, Israel found they were saved without ever having to fight! What do we learn about God and prayer here?
- Has God ever answered a prayer in a way you'd never have guessed?

What if I'm angry? Read Psalm 13:1-2.

- David, who wrote this psalm, was called "a man after God's own heart." What does it tell you that the Bible contains angry prayers as well as thankful ones? What does this tell you about God?

PRAY

With your group, make a list of all the things that make it hard for you to pray. Then, in prayer, ask God to help you with each of them!