








| | |
|---|--|
|  | The Revelation of Prayer: Who is God? |
|  BIG IDEA | If you don't know who God is, you won't know how to pray; but if you do know who God is, prayer will be as natural as breathing. |
|  ICE BREAKER | If you could choose any fictional character to describe your personality who would it be and why? |
|  MAIN POINTS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● God Is the One Who Draws Near <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Revelation reveals Jesus walking among the seven lampstands (the churches), showing us a God who doesn't remain distant but actively moves toward us in our loneliness and suffering. ● God Wants to Hear Our Prayers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The most stunning truth in Revelation 8—heaven goes silent for half an hour so God can focus on the prayers of His people. What kind of King stops worship of Himself to listen to us? ● God Is More Tender with Us Than We Are with Ourselves <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Shane's personal revelation: God receives our wounds, sins, pain, and complaints as gifts, transforming them into entry points to meet with us and hold us close. |
|  DISCUSS | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Shane's counselor asked him, "If you gave God a name, what would it be?" Take a moment to reflect silently, then share: What name would you give God based on your life experience? What does that reveal about how you see Him? 2. Shane mentions that people from legalistic backgrounds often assume they're "the problem" when life gets difficult. Can you relate to this tendency? How does this affect the way we approach God in prayer? 3. Read Revelation 1:12-13, 20. What does it mean to you personally that Jesus "walks among" the churches—among us? How might this truth change the way you think about God's presence in your daily struggles? 4. Revelation 8:1 describes heaven going silent for half an hour to focus on our prayers. How does this image challenge or encourage your view of prayer? What does it tell us about God's heart toward us? 5. Shane shares his 3am angry prayer where he told God "you are better than this" and felt ashamed afterward. Have you ever prayed with raw honesty or anger? What happened? How do you think God receives our honest emotions in prayer? 6. Shane concludes that "if you do know who God is, prayer will be as natural as breathing." What would need to shift in your understanding of God for prayer to feel more natural and less burdensome? |
|  NEXT STEP | Set aside 10 minutes this week to sit in silence before God—not to ask for anything, but simply to be with Him and reflect on who He is. Let His character and tenderness toward you become clearer. |
|  SCRIPTURE | <p>Genesis 16:13 She gave this name to the Lord who spoke to her: "You are the God who sees me," for she said, "I have now seen the One who sees me."</p> <p>Revelation 4:11 You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.</p> |



NEXT WEEK
SNEAK PEAK

Join us next week and invite a friend as we start a brand new series called CHRISTIAN STREAKER looking at the Book of Ephesians!

Questions or Feedback? Email Groups@CentralAZ.com