



P-R-A-Y Yield

PERSONAL PREPARATION BEFORE THE GROUP MEETS

Thought starter

How do you react to unanswered prayer?

1. Read the following verses and note down what you learn of the LORD's sovereign rule.

Ps 105:25; Ps 115:2-3; Ps 135:6; Ruth 1:13, 20; Prov 21:1, 16:9; Jer 10:23; Is 45:6-7; Amos 3:6; Rom 9:18; Eph 1:11; Acts 17:26

2. What is challenging about the LORD's sovereign rule?

3. What is comforting about the LORD's sovereign rule?

4. How do these verses enhance our understanding of the LORD's sovereign rule?

Deut 32:4; 1John 1:5; Rev 15:3-4

5. How do all of the verses you've looked at impact you ***Pausing, Rejoicing, Asking & Yielding?***

WHEN THE GROUP MEETS

Discussion starter

* Share with one another things you have tried to change in your life to grow a rhythm of Pausing, Rejoicing and Asking in the light of the previous 3 Bible talks.

* Share with each other your insights from your preparation in **Qs 1-3**.

* Share with each other your insights from your preparation in **Q4**.

* Share with each other your insights from your preparation in **Q5**.

Read Mark 14:32-42

* What do we learn about praying (and in particular, yielding to God's sovereignty) from Jesus in these verses?

Read 1Peter 2:21-25 (esp v23)

* What do we learn about praying (and in particular, yielding to God's sovereignty) from Jesus in these verses?

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\* As we Pause & Rejoice and Ask, how are we to understand prayers that go unanswered?

\* Take some time together to close with

**Pause-** "He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;" (Psalm 46:10 NIV11)

**Rejoice-** "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!" (Philippians 4:4 NIV11)

**Ask-** "For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened." (Luke 11:10 NIV11)

**Yield-** If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" (Luke 11:13 NIV11)