

Why Pray?: Connecting with God

Just like there is not one set passage in Scripture that deals with the topic of prayer, there is not one set way in which one connects with God. But when you do look at the pages of Scripture, you find that people connected with God in many different ways. This morning we will look at how different people in the Bible connected with God in meaningful ways and be encouraged to discover the ways in which we can more naturally interact with Him.



SERMON NOTES:

Prayer should naturally flow out of our communion and fellowship with God.

The Bible never commands a certain way to connect with God, but it does teach that we should regularly connect with Him (James 4:8a).

Often times people are given a tool to use that is supposed to help, but often times they can frustrate our ability and desire to walk with God.

We should recognize that God made us each uniquely, and as a result we each have a unique way of connecting with Him.

We should never compare our walk with God to someone else (John 21:20-22, Romans 14:1-4).

The following are broad categories that can help you better understand the way God made you to enjoy fellowship with Him:

- The way of wonder: appreciating the majesty of God through His creation and intention (David, Ezekiel, Ezra)
- The way of contemplation: spending time in quiet reflection, study and adoration (Solomon, Moses, David)
- The way of action: participating in God's work through service and joy-filled expression (Martha, John the Baptist, David)

There is no "one-size-fits-all" approach, but there are approaches that are more natural for us as well as those that take more work.

Questions to consider:

In the message today, was there a way that people connected with God that struck a chord with you? Why do you think it did?

Have you ever considered trying to connect with God in that way before? If you have tried it, how did it go?

What will you do this week to help you connect on a more regular basis with your Heavenly Father?