25 April 2021 Spending Time with God

Psalm 6; Matt 6:7-15; Romans 8:14-17, 26-27

How does the brutal honesty of prayers in the Bible (Psalm 6) help us understand the relationship God wants with us?

Why did Jesus stop working to go and pray (Luke 5:12-16, Matthew 14:10-13, 21-23)? What should we learn from His example?

Why didn’t Jesus try to heal and feed everyone in Israel (John 6:26)? Why was his ministry ultimately more successful because he focused on his disciples and us who believe (John 17:13-21)?

Choosing His twelve disciples (Luke 6:12-16) and deciding at Gethsemane (Luke 22:39-46) were critical points in Jesus’ ministry. What do we learn from Jesus’ manner of prayer in these critical decisions?

Paul spent many years (13?) between the time he met Jesus on the road to Damascus and when he made his first missionary journey (Galatians 1:11—2:2). He spent a lot of time with the Lord praying and doing local church ministry. Why was that necessary when he was so talented already? Would it not have been better for Paul to spend those years in more productive ministry? What might God be preparing you for as you pray each day?

How might you bring the role of prayer up to its proper place of importance in your life and ministry?