

Pray First

Nehemiah 1:4-11

God's Word to His people has been consistent throughout history: whatever the obstacles, _____. Whatever the question, _____. Whatever the circumstances, start and then continue with _____.

Discussion 1. We know we should pray first and we know we should pray more. Why, in your opinion, do we so often not do that? Why are we as Christians so often NOT known for our prayer lives?

Confession in prayer follows naturally from any genuine understanding of the God to whom we are speaking. If confession/repentance is not a regular part of my prayer life, I should pause and examine what I really _____.

Discussion 2. Over your time as a Christ follower, how has your understanding of confession/repentance grown or changed? Why is it an important aspect of prayer?

Praying the words of scripture back to God is not about reminding Him of those words (He does not need reminding); rather, it is about allowing the power of His Word to _____ our own heart and mind on the matter.

Discussion 3. What is your experience with praying the scripture back to God? How has it been helpful to you? What steps can you take in order to make it a more prominent part of your prayer life?

We learn more and more to see the world through God's eyes when we learn to ask God to hear and pay attention not to our prayers, but to the _____.

Discussion 4. Thinking beyond your own prayers, whose prayers are you asking God to pay attention to today? Describe how that deepens your spiritual walk.