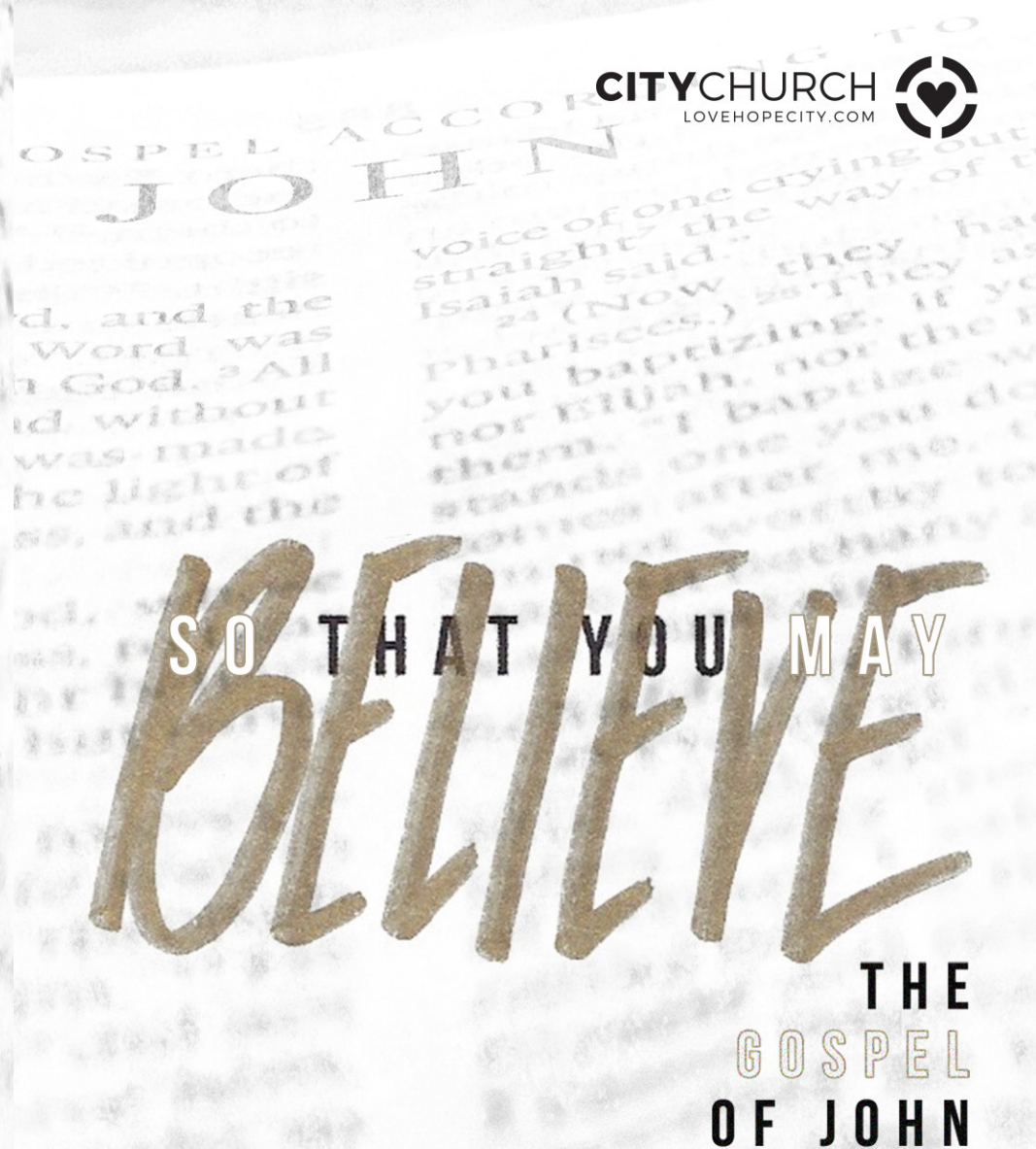


**Digging deeper.**

1. We saw this last Sunday how even Jesus' "High Priestly" prayer of John 17 was relatively short and simple. What further insights do the following verses shed on the topic of prayer?
 - a. Matthew 6:7.
 - b. Romans 8:26-27.
 - c. James 5:13-16.
2. One of the things that can hold back our prayers is the idea that our prayers need to be polished and articulate. Read 1st Kings 18:16-39 and answer the following questions.
 - a. Have a few people recap the key points of the story.
 - b. What does this story teach us about God/people/you?
 - c. How does Elijah's prayer compare to the prayers of the prophets of Baal? What, if anything, does it show us about the kind of prayer God answers?
3. In any relationship, the quality of communication is directly related to the quality and depth of the relationship. It's no different with God. Another great man of prayer in the Old Testament was Nehemiah. Read Nehemiah 1:1-10.
 - a. Have a few people recap the key points of the story.
 - b. What does it teach us about God/people?
 - c. How might this help you grow in your own prayer life?

Personal reflection and application.

1. Go around the circle and have everyone share one thing someone else said that stood out to them.
2. Break up into smaller groups and pray for one another (preferably men with men and women with women).





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"Jesus on Prayer"
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» **Jesus on how to pray.**

- Jesus' prayers were (relatively) _____ and from the _____.
| John 17 | Matthew 6:7-15 | Luke 11:1-4 |
- Jesus' prayers focused on _____ and _____ with the _____.
| John 17:1-5 | Hebrews 4:14-16 | 1st Timothy 2:5 |
- Jesus' prayers (almost always) had an _____ in mind.
| John 11:41 | Matthew 26:36-44 | Luke 5:16, 22:32, 23:34, 36 |
| Mark 1:35 |

» **Jesus on what/who to pray for (from John 17).**

| John 16:8-24 | Psalm 34:18, 147:3 | Isaiah 26:3 | Matthew 5:4 |
| Revelation 21:4 |

- We should pray for _____ to _____ and _____ God in _____.
| John 17:1-5 | Proverbs 28:9 | Daniel 10:12 |
- We should pray for other _____.
| John 17:6-19 |
- We should pray for _____ within the _____.
| John 17:20-23 | Amos 3:3 | Psalm 133:1 | Romans 12:16 |
| 1st Corinthians 1:10 | Philippians 2:1 | Ephesians 4:11-13 |
| Colossians 3:13-14 |
- We should pray for the _____.
| John 17:25-26 | Matthew 28:18-20 |

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS // WEEK ELEVEN

REMINDER

Small groups will not be meeting the week of November 24th due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Take a few minutes to plan a service project for the week of December 1st and a celebration with your Small Group for the week of December 8th.

What do you think?

From Sunday's message, what particular point stood out to you, challenged you, raised a question for you, or otherwise got you thinking?

The story of your life.

1. How would you describe the role that prayer played in your family growing up?
 - ☐ Nowhere to be seen.
 - ☐ Talked about, but not really done much.
 - ☐ Mostly at the dinner table.
 - ☐ Whenever a crisis surfaced.
 - ☐ An everyday experience.
 - ☐ Other.
2. After hearing this week's teaching what would you say to someone who asks you to explain why persistence is an important part of prayer?
3. In what circumstances is it easiest for you to pray? When is it the hardest?

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