LESSON 2: TRUE PRAYER DEFINED

Prayer is heart to heart \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with Christ as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Personal check up. Are your prayers welcoming Christ into your marriage, your family, your circle of Christian friends and your church? Are you experiencing Christ actively in charge of each of these relationships?

1. What is the usual prayer meeting like?
2. Life changing prayer defined.
   1. "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." Rev. 3:20.  
      "I doubt that I know of a passage in the whole Bible that throws greater light upon prayer than this one does. It is, it seems to me, the key which opens the door into the holy and blessed realm of prayer." (O. Hallesby, Prayer, 11)  
      "To pray is nothing more involved than to let \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ into our needs.  
      To pray is to give Jesus \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to employ His powers in the alleviation of our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. To pray is to let Jesus glorify His name in the midst of our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_." (Hallesby, 12)
   2. Read Matthew 18:1-4 and see what happened when the disciples let Jesus into their need. How was this different from the prayers we usually pray about loved ones who need to change?
   3. Christ is the only \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of a religious faith who has risen from the dead and is able \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of His followers. He is able to listen to our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_to us and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us.
3. Focusing Our Prayers

* 1. Christ seeks permission to enter our private world because people usually give Him only \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ access to their inner life.
  2. In \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ prayer we invite Christ into our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ life.
  3. When we pray together we invite Christ into our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
  4. Let's aim to make Christ completely at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in all our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as believers.
  5. When Christ is completely at home in our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, He creates a new\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
  6. Christ is our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
  7. Our prayers can give Him the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in our marriage, our prayer groups and our church.

1. Lack of prayer \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from God.