



VOICES FROM THE PAST

- What a Friend We Have in Jesus -

ICE-BREAKERS:

- What one word best describes your current relationship with Jesus? How so?
- Have you ever held any of the misconceptions Pastor Bryan mentioned about prayer (prayer is complicated, boring or ineffective)? How might these misconceptions affect your walk with God?

DISCUSSION:

1. Read John 15:15.

- What does it mean to be Jesus' friend?

2. Read James 5:16.

- Be real. How often do you pray and how would you describe your prayer life?
- Other than physical healing, in what other ways is prayer powerful and effective?

3. Read Philippians 4:6. **Sometimes you just talk to God.**

- How might your relationship with God be different if you viewed it as if He was a friend who was accompanying you everywhere you go in life?

4. Read I Peter 5:7; Psalm 13:1-6. **Sometimes you vent to God.**

- Do you feel comfortable venting to God? Why or why not?

5. Read John 10:27. **Sometimes you listen to God.**

- God speaks to us in a multitude of different ways including the Bible, circumstances, trusted people, worship songs, nature and an 'inner voice.' In which of these ways do you most often hear God's voice?

6. Read Philippians 4:6-7. **At all times, you give thanks to God.**

- Discuss this statement: *'True peace isn't the absence of problems. True peace is found in the presence of God.'*

APPLICATION:

- Which of these do you want to do more of with God... talking, venting, listening, or thanking? Add more of that element into your prayer life this week.
- Friends don't talk the same way at the same time every day. How will you refresh your prayer routine this week?