

# NORTH HILLS NOTES

## Prayer: Does It Matter? – Week Two

### WHY PRAY?

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*“After sending them home, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. Night fell while he was there alone.”*

### Reasons some people don't pray; reasons some people do pray:

#### Why Jesus prayed:

- Mothers asked him to (Matthew 19:13-15)
- To give thanks for food (Mark 6:41-44)
- To save Peter (Luke 22:33-34)
- So believers would be united (John 17:20-23)

#### The purpose and requirements of prayer

*“Anyone who wants to approach God must believe both that he exists and that he cares enough to respond to those who seek him.”*

*Hebrews 11:6 (Message)*

#### Jesus struggled too

*“‘Abba, Father,’ he cried out, ‘everything is possible for you. Please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine.’”*

*Mark 14:36 (Message)*

#### The answer from heaven

*“Therefore he is able, once and forever, to save everyone who comes to God through him. He lives forever to plead with God on their behalf.” Hebrews 7:25 (NLT)*