

Prayer Course Outline (AVBC 2005)

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Unit #1 The History of Prayer - How It All Began

Assignment: Read Chapter 1 of course text: *God Who Hears* by W. Bingham Hunter (IVPress) to prepare for unit 2.

Unit #2 Why Prayer is Worthwhile – Its Nature & Foundations

Assignment: Read chapter 5 to prepare for unit 3.

Unit #3 How Prayer Works – Who is Involved

Assignment: Re-read chapter 1 to prepare for unit 4.

Unit #4 The Texture of Prayer – How people pray and What to Say

Assignment: Read chapters 3, 4, 6 & 9 in preparation for unit 5.

Unit #5 Exploring Some Prayer Mysteries

- What prayer is
- God knows best so why bother (**ch 3**)
- How can prayer influence a sovereign God (**ch 4**)
- Why pray to a God who lets people hurt (**ch 6 & 9**)
- God's motives for wanting and encouraging our prayers
- How God responds to prayer

Assignment: Read chapters 11, 12, 15 to prepare for unit 6 and complete the handout.

Unit #6 Conditions for Effective Prayer

Assignment: Read chapter 14 to prepare for unit 7.

Unit #7 Jesus' Example and the Disciples' Prayer

Assignment: Read chapters 2 and 7 to prepare for unit 8.

Unit #8 Why We Should Pray – Its Benefits

Assignment: To prepare for unit 9 try to think of some ideas about prayer or prayer practices that seem misguided or nonsensical.

Unit #9 Avoiding Nonsensical Prayer Ideas/Practices

Assignment: Read chapter 13 to prepare for unit 10.

Unit #10 Prayer and Fasting

Assignment: Read chapter 8, 9 & 10 to prepare for unit 11.

Unit #11 Keys to Effectiveness in Prayer