



High Meadow Ranch Men's Bible Study

Pray as They Prayed Series (January through May 2026)

Lesson #1: Chapters 1 through 3

Main Idea

I expect every Believer desires to have a deeper prayer life, regardless of how long we have been following Jesus. *Pray as They Prayed: A Guide to the Bible's Greatest Prayers* by Dr. Jeff Wells invites readers to deepen their prayer life by walking through some of Scripture's most powerful prayers. Jeff explores key prayers from both the Old and New Testaments, unpacking their context, heart, and relevance for today. By studying these Biblical conversations with God from those who have gone before us, this book offers encouragement, practical insights, and renewed passion for authentic prayer. My prayer for our HMR Men's Bible Study is that we develop a passion for persistent prayer, the kind that will change the lives of men and families in our neighborhood. The men of High Meadow Ranch need Jesus and our prayers will make the difference!

Provided below is a preliminary schedule for this series. Numbers in parentheses are chapters in the book.

Tues., January 6 th (1-3)	Tues., February 17 th (10-12)	Tues., April 7 th (19-21)	Tues., May 19 th (29-32)
Tues., January 13 th (4-6)	Tues., March 3 rd (13-15)	Tues., April 21 st (22-24)	
Tues., February 3 rd (7-9)	Tues., March 17 th (16-18)	Tues., May 5 th (25-28)	

Questions for Consideration

1. Did you grow up in a "praying family?" Don't be hesitant to answer "no" as few men (or women) do.

2. **Chapter 1 (Nothing Is Too Hard):** Read Genesis 18, and specifically verse 14 that states, "Is anything too hard for the Lord?" Why do you think God gave children and Abraham and Sarah so late in life?

3. **Chapter 1 (Nothing Is Too Hard):** Read Ephesians 3:20-21 (see below). Considering what Paul wrote in this passage, why do we doubt God and His ability to answer prayers?

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.



4. **Chapter 2 (As Close As We Get):** On page 9 are listed three reasons why intercessory prayer is so important. Fill in the blanks and be prepared to comment on each during our discussion time.

First, praying for someone shows _____ (for that person).

Second, it shows we understand God's _____ for people.

It shows _____.

5. **Chapter 2 (As Close As We Get):** Provide a comment on the following statement from page 12 by describing in your opinion why prayer is important in the life of a Believer.

The real power in the world belongs not to the politicians, not the wealthy, but the business elite, but to the intercessors.

6. **Chapter 3 (Not Desperate Enough):** In verse 26 of Genesis 32 we see a conversation between Jacob and pre-incarnate Jesus, where Jacob states, "I will not let you go until you bless me." How does Jacob's request show a combination of both personal desperation and confidence in God?

7. My good friend and former pastor of Cypress Bible Church, Dave Gibson, once stated, "A weak prayer life is a *Declaration of Independence* from God." How does our reluctance and unwillingness to pray to God demonstrate self-reliance and an unhealthy level of independence?

8. As we start 2026 together, make a list of at least three things you'd like to see God do in your life? Be as specific as you can.

Prayer Request #1: _____

Prayer Request #2: _____

Prayer Request #3: _____

