



# High Meadow Ranch Men's Bible Study

## Pray as They Prayed Series (January through May 2026)

### Lesson #6: Chapters 16 through 18

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

#### Questions for Consideration

##### Chapter 16 – The Heart of a Father

1. The focus of this chapter is addressing why we should ask God for things we want. There are several quotes from this chapter that are listed below. Why at times do we struggle asking things from God?

“The most straightforward answer to this question (i.e., *why should we ask God?*) is simply that God likes to be asked.” Richard Foster, *Prayer*

“You do not have, because you do not ask.” James 4:2

“Heaven is full of answers to prayer for which no one ever bothered to ask.” Billy Graham

2. How does it make you feel when people ask you for things that are in your capacity to give them? Think especially in terms of your children.
3. Name a time when you asked God for something that you believe brought pleasure to Him in answering you. Did that make you want to ask God for more?



### Chapter 17 – Ask

4. For most of us the simplicity of asking God can be difficult. It seems a portion of us believe that God has more important things on his mind than answering our prayers. Read Matthew 7:7-12, looking specifically at verse 11. Answer the following questions about asking “bold” prayers.
  - a. What is the boldest prayer you've asked before?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. In your life right now, what bold prayer are you asking of the Lord (or should be asking of the Lord)?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. On pages 95 and 96 Jeff talks about finding the perfect wife, and how God did not answer his original prayer requests. Has there been a time in your life when God did not answer your prayer and even though you were disappointed at the time, you actually thanked Him for NOT answering your prayer?

### Chapter 18 – The Secret Place

6. I think we would all agree we live noisy lives. Most of our society seems to crave noise and chaos. At times I even feel like many of our church services have become another example of our inability to seek “solemn assembly” (Leviticus 23:36). On pages 100 to 102 Jeff highlights numerous examples of times in the Bible when Jesus got away from the world to be alone with God. Which of these examples stands out to you and why?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. As I have gotten to know many of you over the past nine years, it's clear to me that in some regards you all reflect a maturity that drives you towards God (or you would not be attending our Bible study!). In your life how has being alone with God helped you better understand who He is and His plan for your life?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. Read Luke 10:38-42 that details the famous story of Mary and Martha. Which of these two sisters do you most identify and why? What bothers you either about yourself or the other sister? Be honest!

