



High Meadow Ranch Men's Bible Study

Pray as They Prayed Series (January through May 2026)

Lesson #8: Chapters 22 through 24

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 21st (22-24)	
Tues., February 3 rd (7-9)	Tues., March 17 th (16-18)	Tues., May 5 th (25-28)	

Questions for Consideration

Chapter 22 – God is Present

1. Read the story about the violinist, Joshua Bell on pages 119-120. What stands out to you about the “subway passers-by” and in what ways do we resemble these people in our approach to God?
2. Read Acts 4 and specifically verses 21-31.
 - a. What precipitated the movement of God among the early Believers in this story?
 - b. How have you seen God move in your life in response to requested prayers? Spend 5 to 10 minutes answering this question. Think of all the ways God has moved in your life. As I was writing this question I thought about a prayer I had forgotten about almost 40 years ago. My guess is you have a few as well.
3. Read the statement from Oswald Chambers on page 123. We've discussed variations of this question several times throughout this series, but why don't we start with prayer rather than use it as a last resort?



Chapter 23 – Prayer and the Word

4. This chapter talks about the inter-connectedness of pray and the Bible. I'm going to ask an almost ridiculous question that risks insulting your intelligence – *what must we first do before we can "pray Scripture?"* Do you see a correlation between intimacy with God and knowing His Word?
5. Read the quote from Eugene Peterson on page 127. What are the dangers associated with "detaching" prayer from Scripture.
6. Read Proverbs 3:5-6 (and consider memorizing it if you have not done so previously). How does knowing this passage help us pray in times of distress and anxiety?

⁵Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; ⁶in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight.

Chapter 24 – Bold Prayer

7. This chapter discusses bold prayers. I've often been reminded of the quote from Dave Gibson's quote you've heard me say before:

God's desire is that we be involved in pursuits that are destined to fail without his involvement.

What is the biggest prayer you are currently praying in your life? Consider the possibility that God's work in your life might be limited by the size of your prayers.

8. Read Ephesians 3:20-21 and Tozer's commentary on pages 133-134. How does knowing that God can do so much more than anything we dream of motivate you to prayer **BOLD** prayers?

