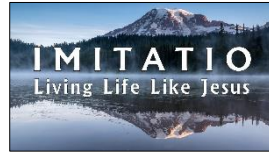


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Suggested Questions for Individual Study or Group Discussion*



- When and where do you most frequently pray?
- Read Luke 5:15-16. Given the response of the crowds, what might we have expected Jesus to do? What does his response reveal about his priorities?
- To what kind of place do you envision Jesus going in order to pray? Why do you think he goes there?
- If Jesus were living in our city today, where do you imagine Jesus would go to pray? Why there?
- How does having specific times and places to pray help you to pray throughout your day or to live a prayer-filled life?
- Reflecting further on the biblical Gospels, how else do the life and teaching of Jesus provide guidance for prayer that we can imitate? Give examples.
- In what ways have the contemplative practices of solitude and silence helped you to pray? What obstacles do you need to overcome to engage with them?
- What are recent times and places when you have felt particularly close to God? What were you doing? What were the surroundings or circumstances?
- What is one way in which you might this week follow Jesus' example of a prayer-filled life? What is a spiritual practice with which you can experiment? How can your small group or others support and pray for you in this?

*Select or adapt questions to fit the needs and makeup of your group.