



Summary of Sermon

We're seeking to increase our focus and attention on the Lord during this current period of fasting and praying.

For Jesus, having routinely spent time in prayer and fasting, we see in Mark 9.14-29 how he was already prepared for an unexpected situation.

Pastor Steve encouraged us to:

- A. Invite God's grace by making prayer the first thing daily
- B. Deal with situations by praying first
- C. Remove distractions so that prayer-time can be uninterrupted

1. Set a time for prayer
2. Set a place for prayer
3. Pray according to the outline of "the Lord's Prayer" (Matthew 6.9-13)

Questions

1. Can you testify to times when God had clearly prepared you for a situation or made a way through an unexpected difficulty?
2. What do you usually do first when a crisis arises?
3. The next twenty-one days is a chance to personally improve your relationship with God, along with everyone else in church.

How can you encourage someone else along the journey?