

Talk It Over

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For the sake of time, you may want to choose one or two questions.

May 15-16, 2021 "What is the use of prayer?

Warm Up

Have you ever had moments when your prayers don't FEEL effective? Share your experience.

Read

Psalm 4

Discuss

After reading the Psalm, take a moment to hear general observations regarding the Psalm and how you can personally relate to it.

Additional Discussion

- 1. David is expressing himself to God based on some type of struggle or oppression in his life. He seems frustrated at first. Talk about how this applies to your own life.
- 2. Discuss the process of David's prayer and the culmination of the final verse. What does the final verse say about the seven preceding it?
- 3. There is no distinct revelation to David or resolution of his conflict in a n A+B=C prayer format. What does this tell you about the purpose of prayer and God's presence and power in it?
- 4. How can this Psalm and this unique view of prayer be encouraging to your prayer life?

Wrap Up:

Take a moment to close the group in prayer. Perhaps you would share some specific requests and pray not so much for answers, but for God's presence, power and peace.