



# Community Group Study Guide



**Date:** March 11, 2007  
**Series:** **Try Prayer for a Change, Pt 2**  
**Scripture:** James 4:1-10  
**Speaker:** Mark Van Valin

## Questions for your consideration:

1. Read James 4:1-10. Underline the verses that speak either explicitly or implicitly about prayer.
  - a. Did you commit to pray last Sunday, in response to Pastor Mark's challenge? If you did, share with the group these things:
2. How successful were you in setting aside time? How difficult was it?
  - a. What distractions or other things made it difficult to pray? Were they external circumstances? Or were they internal struggles?
  - b. What did you learn about prayer this week? Did you sense God's presence at all? Did you sense him working at all in your life? Thoughts? Relationships? Temptations? Habits? Awareness?
3. James speaks of humility as a foundation for proper prayer. How have you experienced humility as such a necessary part of prayer? What have you learned about humility this week?
4. Renew your commitment to pray this next week. Commit to pray for each other, maybe even commit to encourage each other in prayer. Remember, the purpose of prayer is to become a friend of God