

## THE SCHOOL OF PRAYER

### **WHY PRAY?**

Psalm 116:1-9      Jeff Schreve

*The first thing I want you to do is pray. 1 Timothy 2:1 MSG*

#### **Why should you pray?**

##### **1. You should pray because God hears.**

*I love the LORD because He hears my voice and my supplications.  
Because He has inclined His ear to me, therefore I shall call upon  
Him as long as I live. Psalm 116:1-2*

**\* Remember that prayer is not mindless chatter.**

*And when you are praying, do not use meaningless repetition,  
as the Gentiles do, for they suppose that they will be heard  
for their many words. Matthew 6:7*

##### **2. You should pray because God cares.**

*The cords of death encompassed me, and the terrors of Sheol came  
upon me; I found distress and sorrow. Then I called upon the name  
of the LORD; "O LORD, I beseech You, save my life!" Gracious is  
the LORD and righteous; yes our God is compassionate.  
Psalm 116:3-5*

**\* The Lord cares about the troubles and sorrows you face.**

##### **3. You should pray because God answers.**

*The LORD preserves the simple; I was brought low, and He saved me.  
Return to your rest, O my soul, For the LORD has dealt bountifully  
with you. For You have rescued my soul from death, my eyes from  
tears, my feet from stumbling. I shall walk before the LORD  
In the land of the living. Psalm 116:6-9*

**\* Remember, the Lord's ways are not our ways.**

#### **Will you choose to call upon Him as long as you live?**