

*Our home group loves to sing as a form of worship. Home group leaders could talk to the individual who leads worship about having songs that communicate the need to seek God. It may be a good idea to end with a song that is more upbeat to lead into the next activity. This could take about 15 minutes.

*Start the lesson by passing out note cards with the below conversation. Give the guys parts to the guys and the girls parts to the girls. Just for kicks you could do this vice versa. The home group leaders may want to keep a couple of the cards to start things off. This will probably take about 5 or 6 minutes.

(NOTE: the following conversation could be done as a skit by having one guy volunteer and one girl volunteer sit back to back as if they were in separate rooms.)

Prayer - The Wrong Kind!:

A couple of peeps were praying in their rooms the night before their very first night in home group. If you could have overheard them, here's what you would have heard:

Guy: Dear God, I am so excited about home group tomorrow. I just pray that You would draw me...into the presence...of a modestly hot girl! You know the kind that will get me through the hard times. I just know you're gonna bring me there and the light's gonna shine down on that hottie. Lord, I know you hear my prayer.

Girl: God, I just pray that at this new home group, it will be all girls – no stupid boys. Just girls – but no mean girls and try not to make them too cute b/c I don't want to feel intimidated.

Guy: God, I know that You've laid it on my heart to be a missionary...to the females in my home group. You've given me all the love and compassion they need. I thank You for this call, Lord. It's not an easy call, but I'll go. Here I am, send me!

Girl: Oh, Lord, I pray that my hair won't frizz up during home group...and that everyone will be nice to me...because I hate mean girls...especially mean holy rollin' girls! And if there are any dumb boys there, and they get any ideas about talking to me, which of course they will, I just pray that they leave me alone.

Guy: God, I just have this sense that tomorrow when I go to home group, there will be some cute girl there who's ready for me to minister to her. Lead me, by Your spirit, to that girl. Your word says that when we need to talk Your spirit will give us the words to say. So I pray that You'd give me the pick-up line from heaven! And I thank You that You've blessed me with such a perfect face and a muscular body. The combination of my self and Your

spirit—no girl can resist. God, you do want me to have a Christian girlfriend, don't you? So, please point her out to me!

Girl: And, Lord, don't let anyone act dumb around me...especially boys looking for cute girls like me at home group! But if, by chance, it's Your will for me to meet a boy tomorrow night, don't let it be a stupid boy.

Guy: God, I just have this sense that tomorrow when I go to home group, you will come to me and bless me with a vision of the solutions for my Calculus test tomorrow. I haven't and don't plan to study. I don't need to because I know that you want me to do well in school. I just don't know why I flunked the last test. Oh yeah and please let a hot girl at the empo sit right next to me.

*Next have the group discuss what is wrong with the way that these individuals were praying. Ask how they could have prayed in a more Christ-centered way. Use James 4:2b-3 for support. Talk about motives of prayer. This may take about 10 minutes.

*Next have someone read the Lords Prayer aloud to the group. Break down the Lords prayer into groups. Use these verses as support for what prayer should accomplish. (This also speaks on the motive with which Christ prayed.)

Example of how the Lords pray may be broken down...

1. Praise and Exaltation: 6: 9-10 (Matthew)
2. Ask: 6: 11-13(Matthew)
3. Proclamation: 6:13 (Matthew)

Expand on these verses and the message that is contained within them.

This could take up to 10 minutes. You may use this as time for the group to discuss these verses or you may want to present them yourself depending on your group dynamics.

Ways to pray.... Take about five minutes and let the group come up with a list. These are a few that could be included.

Journaling

Pray Scripture

Alone

With a friend

In a group (corporate)

Laying on hands (Matthew 19:13, James 5: 13-18)

Importance of Prayer.... Let people in the group look these verses up and read them aloud. This should take about 10 minutes.

2 Chronicles 7:14, Matthew 9: 38, Matthew 26: 41, 2 Cor. 5:20, James 1:5-6

End in Corporate prayer- This will take the remainder of the time.