

# the prayer course

## THE PRAYER COURSE STUDY GUIDE SESSION 5: UNANSWERED PRAYER

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**In this session we'll be tackling the challenges and realities when our prayers aren't answered.**

**Bible passages:** Matthew 6:10 "Your will be done"

Summary points: The Bible is honest about unanswered prayer – we are part of a faith that is all about wrestling. God's world, God's war, God's will. God's silence is not the same as his absence.

### **Discussion Questions:**

- What did you find most helpful or most challenging in the video?
- How has the reality of unanswered prayer affected your relationship with God?
- Have you ever felt God's silence/absence in seasons of your life and faith? How did you respond?

***Pete says, "We are part of a faith that is all about wrestling".***

- How do you think we can get better, as communities, at dealing with the realities and challenges of unanswered prayer?
- How can we encourage one another in "faithfulness" as well as "faith"?

**Do it:** Pete says that, "Even when we don't understand, we can still trust". Take time to stop, pause and recommit to trusting God together as a group. You might like to play some worship music and spend time sitting and reflecting.