

Week 2: The Purpose of Prayer

"Prayer doesn't align God to your will; it aligns your will to his."

Discussion Questions

1. How have your prayers changed since childhood?

Read 1 Chronicles 4:9-10

- 2. What was Jabez's posture before he even started praying?
- **3.** What can we learn from Jabez's prayer posture?
- **4.** Do you feel we are allowed to pray as Jabez prayed? (To ask for God's power, presence, and protection?)

Read Psalm 37:4

- 1. What does "delighting ourselves in the Lord" actually look like?
- **2.** How does it affect the way we pray?
- 3. What motivates you when you pray? Do you pray with expectancy? Explain.

Moving Forward

As you spend time with your heavenly Father praying this week, go to **www.hamiltonmillchurch.org/deargod** and submit your prayer requests. Include praying for the people in our church and community.