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ORGANIC CONVERSATION (WHAT SPOKE TO YOU FROM THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP GATHERING?)

Were you challenged or encouraged in any way? How? Have you seen anything play out in your life recently?

FROM HEAD → HEART → HANDS (MAKING IT REAL)

Even the best communicators in our lives can freeze up when it comes to prayer. We can talk for hours over coffee or late into the night with a good friend, but as soon as we bring God into the picture, things seem to get awkward. Why is that? Share honestly in your groups about your comfort level regarding prayer and why you think it's so.

While the obvious is true – that Jesus is more like a Stranger than a Friend – most times we simply don't know where to start. The Bible gives us a keen insight into God's character, his passions, his promises, and plans. What Scriptures have you held onto as "life verses" or truths that you've prayed often? How does knowing these verses affect your prayers?

This week, read the Bible with the intent purpose of using those verses to help you in your prayer life. Reveal God's character or a promise of his or maybe a command he gives and pray it back to him!

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What was King Josiah's response when the Book of the Law was read to him? Has there been a time when you've read something in the Bible, and it caused you to repent and make changes? Share with each other as you feel led.

Read the prophetess Huldah's words to Josiah in verses 18-20.

What does this passage very clearly state about what God cares about and honors? As you read the Bible, do you expect God to reveal areas of our lives that are not honoring to Him or to show you a step of obedience to take?

STEP-BY-STEP (WHAT NOW?)

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