

Why Pray? FAQ

Q: How was the *Why Pray* resource created?

A: Pastor Chris cast vision for this resource to a seasoned team of writers (Lauren Frith, Executive Director of Ministry at Royal Oak, Nich Griffith, Director of Groups and Discipleship at Royal Oak, & Tiffani Zale, Director of Groups and Women's Ministry at Lake Orion). The resource was inspired by Chris' heart behind the upcoming, January 2025 message series he wrote on John 17. The writers collaborated with Pastor Chris to outline the resource and then used his notes to divide the chapters and inform the content of the book. Once completed the book was reviewed by Woodside's Content Editor, Dr. Ravae Wilson, and our resident theologian, Dr. Gregg Allison before being formatted by our in-house designer, Bethanie Stammen, and sent to print.

Q: Where can I get more copies of the *Why Pray* book?

A: Contact your Life Group director to see if they have any available copies left at the church, visit one of Woodside's bookstores, or purchase a copy on Amazon.

Q: Does my Life Group have to meet weekly to follow the message series?

A: No. While the book was created to accompany the message series, it was also written to be a standalone piece that can be used for years to come.

Q: My Life Group meets bi-weekly. What schedule would you recommend for us?

Bi-weekly option 1:

Week starting Dec 29 – Life Group members complete the Personal Prayer section of week 1 and continue to complete a chapter each week moving forward until the book is fully completed)

Week starting Jan 5 – Life Group meeting 1 (complete Communal Prayer section of week 1)

Week starting Jan 19 – Life Group meeting 2 (complete Communal Prayer section of week 2 or 3)

Week starting Feb 2 – Life Group meeting 3 (complete Communal Prayer section of week 4 or 5)

Bi-weekly option 2:

Week starting Dec 29 – Life Group members complete the Personal Prayer section of week 1 in time for their first scheduled meeting, then moving forward they continue to complete a week of content over the course of 2 weeks until the book is finished)

Week starting Jan 5 – Life Group meeting 1 (complete Communal Prayer section of week 1)

Week starting Jan 19 – Life Group meeting 2 (complete Communal Prayer section of week 2)

Week starting Feb 2 – Life Group meeting 3 (complete Communal Prayer section of week 3)

Week starting Feb 16 – Life Group meeting 4 (complete Communal Prayer section of week 4)

Week starting March 2 – Life Group meeting 5 (complete Communal Prayer section of week 5)