

RUNNING

STARTER

CLOSER LOOK: 01.08.2023



A RUNNING START

SCRIPTURES: Isaiah 30:15-18; Luke 2:52; Mark 1:21-35; John 18:1-2; Acts 1:3-8; 2:1-2, 41; 6: 1-4; Matthew 14:23

Ice Breaker: Take a moment to discuss the concept of prayer with your group. What is it? What is their experience with it? How do they practice it? How has their life been impacted by it?

Message Notes:

- **Jesus Prioritized Prayer**
 1. Over his social life
 2. Over people
 3. Over rest
 4. Over his appetite
 5. Over his will
 6. Over his feelings

Questions:

1. Ps. Joe reminded us that when we “run to God” you will be safer than when you “run-away”. In your life, what things make you want to run away?
2. Ps Joe asked the question, “why do we wait to only pray to God when we are weak?” In your life, do you pray in times of strength also or do you tend to wait to when you are weak? Why or why not?
3. Are you persistent in prayer? Why or why not?

Prayer:

Father God, thank you for relationship with me. I know you long to hear my prayers. Help me to run to you and not away from you. Help me to pray out of my strengths and not just out of my weaknesses. Give me strength to remain persistent as I seek you. Amen.

What's Coming Up:

- **JAN 14** - SERVE Saturday
- **JAN 15** - Baptism Orientation
- **JAN 18** - Small Group Leader's Gathering (CA/GT)
- **JAN 22** - VISION Sunday / Baptisms
- **JAN 23** - Man Night
- **JAN 29** - Small Group Interest Sunday *where people can visit the concourse to learn more about small groups and how to get involved
- <https://rock.celebration.church/events>