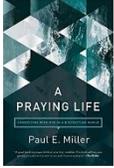


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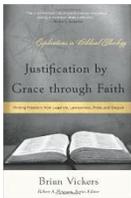
Further Reading

*These books could be done as small group studies but are not written in small group format.
Teacher selection would be key!*



[A Praying Life: Connecting with God in a Distracting World](#) by Paul E. Miller – *(Not in small group format)* Prayer is so hard that unless circumstances demand it—an illness, or saying grace at a meal—most of us simply do not pray. We prize accomplishments and productivity over time in prayer. Even Christians experience this prayerlessness—a kind of practical unbelief that leaves us marked by fear, anxiety, joylessness, and spiritual lethargy.

Prayer is all about relationship. Based on the popular seminar by the same name, *A Praying Life* has disciplined thousands of Christians to a vibrant prayer life full of joy and power. When Jesus describes the intimacy He seeks with us, He talks about joining us for dinner (Revelation 3:20). *A Praying Life* feels like having dinner with good friends. It is the way we experience and connect to God. In *A Praying Life*, author Paul Miller lays out a pattern for living in relationship with God and includes helpful habits and approaches to prayer that enable us to return to a childlike faith.



[Justification by Grace Through Faith: Finding Freedom from Legalism, Lawlessness, Pride, and Despair](#) (Explorations in Biblical Theology) by Brian Vickers –

Justification is God's declaration that sinners are made right with him through faith in Christ, whose life, death, and resurrection provide forgiveness and the righteousness God desires of his people. This doctrine of justification as an alien, imputed righteousness has been under attack for several years. Brian Vickers' biblical theology of justification traces how the doctrine unfolds in Scripture, showing that in Christ, God provides everything needed for sinners to be made right with him. Whether struggling with legalism, lawlessness, pride, or despair, a biblical view of justification will lead us away from ourselves to the God who accepts us fully in Christ.

What other study materials would you add?