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Prayer and Study Group Week Three

**Be Personal and Pray – Lesson 5**

*Matthew 7:12*

*So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.*

*Hosea 11:8*

*How can I give you up, O Ephraim?*

*How can I hand you over, O Israel?*

*How can I make you like Admah?*

*How can I treat you like Zeboiim?*

*My heart recoils within me;*

*my compassion grows warm and tender.*

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God is personal, so we are personal with him and with each other.

The rule for being personal is to say *something* when you are given access to someone's treasures. What guides our response is both the golden rule and humility.

Be personal – that is, move toward people, know others, be moved by those things that are important.

One certain way to be personal is to pray. Pray for and with people

Example: Your friend is speaking about a work struggle.

“This seems pretty hard. How can I pray for you?”

“You could pray that I would be able to find work soon”

“Could I pray for you now

## Discussion

1. When have you been blessed by the personal responses of others? In other words, when has someone encouraged you by really listening to and hearing you?
2. From Hosea we see that God is moved by us. How might this reality affect how you pray?
3. The movement from knowing others to praying with them face to face can be hard. Why might that be? How do you hope to grow in praying with others?
4. Take some time to pray with each other