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Now consider your relationship with God, do you tend to go to him just when you need things? What kind of relationship do you think God wants with us? How should our prayer life foster an ongoing relationship?

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In your own words, summarize prayers of petition.

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Consider It - Prayer

Pastor Adam described prayer as a conversation which leads to transformation. What stands out to you from about this kind of prayer?

Consider the 3 components of conversational prayer (speaking, listening, & silence) and talk through each one. Which is most natural for you? Which is most challenging? Why? Where do we see examples in scripture? Why is each one important? How can you grow in practicing each part?

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