

“I love the Lord, for he heard my voice;

he heard my cry for mercy.

Because he turned his ear to me

I will call on him as long as I live.”

(Psalm 116:1-2, NIV)

How do you feel knowing that God is always listening? What’s your understanding about his interest in listening to you when you pray? What turns his ear to toward you?

I am reassured to know that “he bends down to listen,” to “my prayer for mercy” (NLT), and that he seeks those who, “worship the Father in spirit and truth,” as they pray.

***Meaningful prayer leans on worship in spirit and in truth***

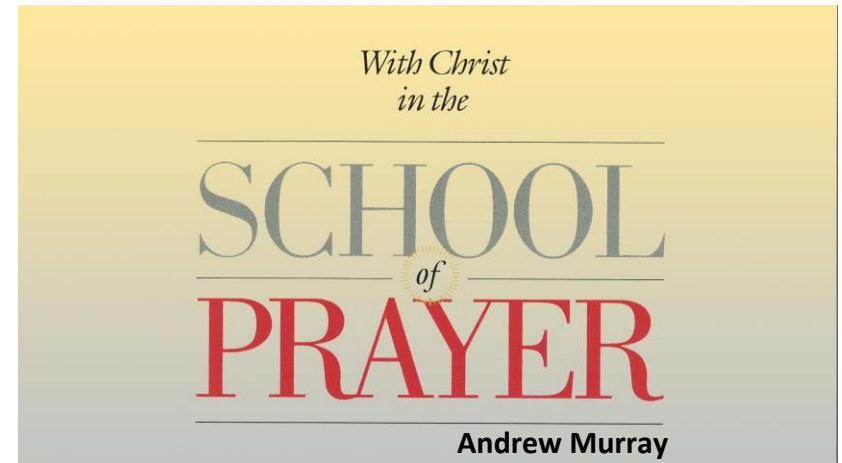
***Praying in spirit:***

***Praying in truth:***

***Worship and prayer:***

## Personal Application and Interaction

1. Finish the following, “People know I’m a true fan of \_\_\_\_\_ when they....”
2. In what ways is worship involved in your prayer life?
3. How did the message help you clarify and put into practice what it means to pray in spirit?
4. What truths typically impact the way you pray?
5. What questions remain in your understanding and practice of what it means to pray in spirit and in truth?



## Praying in Spirit & in Truth

**John 4:21-24**

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