

## **Praying Is Talking To and Listening To God**

**Slide 1:** Pictures of mobile phone, TV, newspaper, DVD, people talking, Smoke signal, radio, books.

What do these pictures represent?

Which pictures shows one-way communication? Which pictures show 2-way communication?

**Slide 2:** Picture of prayer – What is prayer? Is it 1-way or 2-way communication with God? **Yes, it is 2-way communication with God**

If prayer is 2-way communication with God, how do we know God is listening and speaking to us? We know from the Bible that God listens and speaks and gives answers to our questions and concerns. God gives each believer the gift of Himself as the Holy Spirit to live within them so they can know Him. God speaks to us through His Word, the Bible and through our parents and fellow believers and preaching. The Apostle Paul explained that even when we are not sure what to say, the Holy Spirit is given by God the Father to help talk with Him. “Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. <sup>27</sup> And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.” (Romans 8:26-27)

Today will we explore God’ people spending time in prayer and then doing as God directs. In fact, let’s talk to God right now and know He is listening.