

Garden Theme – The Secret Garden

DEVOTIONAL/LESSON STARTERS & WORKSHOP IDEAS

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Do a study on...

- Prayer (Matthew 6:6)

Garden of Prayer

- What's growing in your prayer garden?
- Is your prayer garden weeded?
- Is your prayer garden showing growth?

Prayer is the Garden Key

- Prayer fits the lock
- It's the only thing that will turn the key
- Prayer unlocks doors
- 1 John 5:14

Prayer Changes Things

- Just like in the book, "The Secret Garden", there was a big change after Mary worked in the garden. Things began to pop up and then to bloom.
- That is how it is with prayer in our lives. Look how prayer changes things!
- We have to work at it. We have to keep on going where prayer is concerned.
- God's answers to prayer are those sprouts, seedlings, and blossoms in life.

Closeted with the King

- What do you use for a prayer closet?
- When we say that we shut ourselves up in prayer, look at some of the words that might describe it.
 - Seclude
 - Sequester
 - Isolate
 - Withdraw
 - Conceal
 - Confine
- These words all mean to get away from everything else.
- How well do we do that when we go to pray?
- "But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly." Matthew 6:6
- It's our time to have that "audience with the King". Let's not let anything stand in our way!

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