

Growth Group Discussion Questions

October 31, 2021

Pray in the Spirit

Ephesians 6:18-24

- 1. What stood out to you from the sermon?
- 2. Is it humbling if someone asks how your prayer life is? Why or why not?
 - a. Read James 4:3. How often do we pray for our preferences? How often do we only come to God when we need something?
 - b. Pastor Jason gave an analogy from John Piper comparing prayer to wartime walkie-talkies. Do we tend to treat prayer more like a hotel intercom or a wartime walkie-talkie?
 - c. How can we view ourselves more as Christian soldiers who are dependent on prayer?
- 3. Contrast praying to God for our pleasures versus praying in the Spirit.
 - a. Read Romans 8:26-27 and 1 John 5:14-15. The Holy Spirit will prompt our hearts to pray. The Holy Spirit will also guide and empower our prayers.
 - b. How does this help us and encourage us in our prayer life?
- 4. When have you been encouraged or strengthened by someone praying for you?
 - a. How can our group do a better job praying for one another and helping carry one another's burdens?
- 5. As we wrap up our study of Ephesians, does anyone have any final takeaways?