## **Prayer Conversation** Prayer Adventure – Part 1

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1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (ESV) Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1. Build your with God

### 1A. to know God better

Psalm 63:1 (ESV) O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

#### 1B. Make for God

Mark 1:35 (ESV) And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed.

### 1C. Offer a of praise

Hebrews 13:15 (ESV) Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.

2. Pray for

## 2A. Pray for all

1 Timothy 2:1 (ESV) First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people,

# 2B. Pray for

1 Timothy 2:2 (ESV) for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.

1 Timothy 2:3-4 (ESV) This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

2C. Pray with a heart

1 Timothy 2:8 (ESV) I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or guarreling;

### 3. in prayer

3A. Pray till the comes

Luke 18:1 (ESV) And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart.

### 3B. Be to prayer

Colossians 4:2 (ESV) Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.

## Action Plan for This Week

□ Have a daily guiet time of Bible reading & prayer. □ Mon □ Tue □ Wed □ Thu □ Fri □ Sat □ Sun

□ Invite a friend to the service next Sunday.

## Prayer Conversation Study Guide Prayer Adventure – Part 1

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- Intro. Is prayer an adventure for you? Why or why not?
  - How do you hear God speak to you in prayer?
  - Describe what prayer should be like according to 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.
- 1A. Why is it important to have priorities in prayer in the order: Jesus, Others, Yourself (JOY)?
- 1B. How could you increase your desire to know God better (Psalm 63:1)?
- 1C. What does Jesus' example in Mark 1:35 teach us about prayer?
- 1D. In what ways is praise (a form of prayer) a sacrifice (Hebrews 13:15)?
- 1E. What would the value be in being accountable to another believer for your daily quiet time of prayer and Bible study?

- 2A. What does it mean to pray for all people (1 Timothy 2:1)?
- 2B. What are we to pray for leaders (1 Timothy 2:1)?
- 2C. According to 1 Timothy 2:3-4, what are the primary purposes in praying for others?
- 2D. Why is our heart attitude important in prayer (1 Timothy 2:8)?
- 2E. What do you think is the impact if all the church members are praying for the church or just a few?
- 3A. Why do people often give up on a prayer before the answer comes (Luke 18:1)?
- 3B. What was Jesus' point on prayer with His story of the widow and the unrighteous judge in Luke 18:1-8)?
- 3C. In what ways should we be watchful or alert in prayer (Colossians 4:2)?
- 3D. Why is thanksgiving often commanded as part of our prayer life (Colossians 4:2)?
- 3E. How do you think God would have you grow in your prayer life in 2019?