

Focusing on Jesus in a Blurry World:

Focusing on Prayer – Part 2

Sermon # 3, Colossians 1:9-14

Main Point: *Continue in prayer for the spiritual growth of our church.*

Getting to Know You

1. Name a person who you consider to be a great prayer. What characteristics do you admire about them? Why do you think they are so committed to praying?

Getting into the Book:

Read Colossians 1:9-14

2. According to verse 9 what is one thing we can be praying for each other (also for our church)? If God were to answer this prayer, what difference would it make in our group and church?
3. What personal situations are you facing where you need “the knowledge of God’s will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding”?
4. According to verse 10, what is another prayer we can be praying for each other (also for our church)?
5. In what area(s) of your life do you most need help pleasing the Lord? How can we pray for you in that situation?
6. Name some ways God has answered our church’s prayers concerning “bearing fruit in all good works and increasing in the knowledge of God.”
7. Read verse 11. How does God’s strength help us mature in our faith?
8. Read verses 12-14. What reasons do we have for “joyously giving thanks”?

Getting out There

9. Share one goal for spiritual maturity you have for yourself this year (i.e. Reading my Bible 5x each week; start serving in a ministry; talk to a loved one about Christ; trust God for the lives on my children). Leader: record the goals of each member in a book and revisit them often in future meetings for accountability.

Prayer

Use the wording from these verses to pray for the spiritual maturity of your group members, as well as our church as a whole. (Pray for each other by name; for instance, “Lord, I pray that you would fill John with the knowledge of your will for his job. Strengthen him with your power so he can endure the hardships at work for your Name.”) You can also have someone in the group give thanks for the salvation we have in Christ.