DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

For the week of June 6, 2021

One of the best things you can do after hearing truths from the Word of God is to talk about them with others. Here are some questions to help get the conversation started. (hint: the first couple of questions are meant to "break the ice" and get people talking)

- In a church service, would you rather have a "handshaking time" or be asked to pray aloud with a small group of people?
- What is the weirdest (or funniest) thing that you have seen done at church that involved prayer?
- Josh asked, "How are your prayers any different than the wishes of an unbeliever?" Be honest. Are your prayers spiritual or unspiritual?
- Do you remember the three motivations behind Paul's prayers? (if not, they're in the fine print at the bottom) Do you find it difficult to pray with these motivations? Why?
- Read Ephesians 3:14-19. What was Paul asking God to do for/in them?
- Read Colossians 1:9. What was Paul asking God to do for/in them?
- Read Colossians 1:10-12. These verses show his motivation for praying verse 9. Which of the three motivations do these verses exemplify?
- If you know someone that is struggling in their marriage, how can you pray for them in a way that is consistent with Paul's example of prayer?
- What is your "takeaway" from Sunday's sermon and our discussion? What can you do to begin praying "spiritual" prayers like Paul?
- Take some time to pray together.



SERMON NOTES

"Bucket List" Week Three: Prayer Romans 8:26-29

Paul's Motivations for Prayer

- 1. GLORY OF GOD
- 2. HOPE IN GOD
- 3. KNOW GOD

Places Paul asked others to pray for him:

Romans 1:8-10, 15:30-33, Ephesians 6:19-20, Colossians 4:2-4, II Thessalonians 3:1-5

Romans 15:5-6, 13, Il Corinthians 13:7-9, Ephesians 1:15-23, 3:14-21,

Miscellaneous thoughts on prayer from Paul:

- II Corinthians 12:7-9, Philippians 4:6-7, I Timothy 2:1

Places Paul prayed for others:

Philippians 1: 9-11, Colossians 1:9-12, I Thessalonians 3:9-13, II Thessalonians 1:11-12, Philemon 1:4-6	
II Thessalonians I:II-12, Philemon I:4-6	