

Praying Like Paul

Week #2 Questions

1. What are the signs of grace in 2 Thess 1:3-10 that move Paul to thanksgiving in his prayers? Share how you can begin to identify these signs of God's goodness in others at TCC in order to move your heart towards deeper thanks to God.
2. How does Paul's anticipation of Christ's return mold his worldview and shape his prayers?
3. Discuss some habits in your life that expose how you regularly fail to live with the second coming of Christ in view. Examine your use of time, your giving habits, how you speak to people, etc. How might intentionally changing some of your habits help you to reorient your focus from this life to the next?
4. As Paul prays for the Christians in the church of Thessalonica, what two things does he ask God for? What are his two goals in asking these things?
5. What good, faith-prompted purposes have you been developing in your life? What concrete steps can you take to improve your praying that God would fulfill these purposes?
6. Explain how, in light of the discussion on pages 58-60, you might pray both for the glorification of Jesus and the glorification of others?
7. In light of Paul's priorities in prayer, share a prayer here for your children, roommate, or community group member that reflects Paul's God-centered concerns.