

CORE PRACTICES

Group Questions | May 14 | Week 5

OPENER

The five core practices we are covering in this series are

- The Lord's Supper
- Biblical Teaching
- Developing Healthy Relationships
- Presenting Tithes and Offerings
- Earnest Prayer

This week we talked about earnest prayer. What does the concept of prayer mean to you?

What is the significance of the word "earnest" when associated with prayer?

How would you describe your current prayer life?

TRUTH

Read John 14:12-14

What do you think Christ means by "Whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing..."?

What does Christ mean when He adds "... and they will do even greater things than these..."?

How does Christ's "going to the Father" make this possible?

Read Matthew 6:9-15

It was said that prayer is a journey of transformation. How does the Matthew 6 passage reflect this and how have you experienced this in your own prayer life?

How does prayer keep us tethered to the heart of Christ?

Read Acts 4:23-31

This took place after significant persecution and the threat of even heavier persecution to come. What does this say about the faith of the early church?

APPLICATION

When the early church asked God for boldness the Lord responded by causing the ground to shake. How do you reconcile that with your own experience of prayer?

How would you like to see your own prayer life grow? What do you think it would take for you to experience that growth?

PRAY