

# JUNE - JULY PRAYER

## Praying with Paul, part 3

### Leaders:

- The prayer theme of 2018 is “Praying with Paul”. For each night, one prayer of Paul will be used, and from it themes will be drawn out that are found in other passages. The headings will be the ideas/themes to pray through together.
- Select a night to go through these prayers together as a group. The goal is to spend 45 minutes in prayer – 5 min in the theme verses and about 10 minutes for each section.
- A 2 hour small group timeline (suggested) could be: 10 min greeting/talking, 30 min small group questions discussion, 45 min prayer, 35 min accountability
- Introduce the time of prayer as an *opportunity for growing in prayer*. It is not designed only for those who are comfortable, but for those less comfortable to join in and pray out loud with the group.
- Mention the fact that by praying through Scripture, we can have confidence that we are praying God’s own heart for us personally and for his Church

### **EPHESIANS 1:15-23**

- Read the passage together and spend the first few minutes praying about anything that comes to mind from reading the passage.

### **Give thanks to God for someone specific (v. 15-16)**

- As a group, read Philemon 1:4-7
- Express thanks to God for his attributes and his character
- Thank God for someone who has helped you grow as a disciple and pray for them
- Thank God for the ministry he is doing at Harvest and pray for people within Harvest

### **Ask God for knowledge of him and hope in him (v. 17-18)**

- As a group, read Philippians 3:7-11 and Colossians 1:21-23
- Do you lack hope as a Christian? Ask for God to restore it as you consider the gospel
- Consider opening your hands in a receiving posture as you ask for increasing knowledge of God through his Word, by his Spirit

### **Ascribe to God his immeasurable greatness, power, glory and authority (v. 19-23)**

- As a group, read Daniel 7:13-14, Psalm 145:1-9, Matthew 28:16-20
- Prayers of ascription focus our hearts and minds on God. They often start with “You are” or “You have...”
- Praise God for his greatness and your smallness, his power to save and your need of him
- Dwell on the saving acts of God in Christ, and turn that into prayers of praise

### **Pray for Harvest to be growing in prayer together**

- Pray for any ministry or leader who comes to mind
- Pray for the church’s unity, centered on the gospel
- Pray for the “No Other Gospel” series to bear great fruit, in salvation as well as growth of believers
- Pray for your own small group to develop deep community as you grow together in the Lord