

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER PRAYER

Praying with Paul, part 4

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 30-40 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 3:14-21

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

Give praise to God for the riches of his glory (v. 14-16)

- Someone read Psalm 105:1-6
- Express thanks to God for his attributes and his character
- Praise God for salvation as a free gift of his grace

Ask God to help you know his love that is beyond knowledge (v. 17-19)

- Someone read 1 John 4:7-12
- Declare your need for God’s help and strength to receive his love
- Ask God for others (all the saints) to develop a deeper, transforming understanding of God’s love in their lives
- Pray for God to bring someone to mind that you can show the love of God to this week

Ascribe to God his immeasurable greatness, power, glory and authority (v. 20-21)

- Someone read Matthew 28:16-20 and Romans 11:33-36
- Prayers of ascription focus our hearts and minds on God. They often start with “You are” or “You have...”
- Ask God to grow your view of him so that it is in line with his immeasurable power and authority
- Praise God for his glory in the church – that as people experience the glory of God they would be saved through faith in Jesus

Pray for Harvest’s fall emphasis on fasting

- Pray for endurance for those committing to fast on Fridays
- Pray for times of deep personal worship and intimacy with the Lord
- Ask God how he would have you to participate in fasting Fridays