



HTC SMALL GROUP

Discussion Questions

Sermon Title: Joyful, Prayerful, Thankful

Sermon Date: November 6, 2016

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Speaker: Pastor Rod Randall

1. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
2. Verse 16 tells us to be “joyful always.” Would you describe yourself as a joyful person? Why or why not?
3. What circumstances tend to make you joyful?
4. Read Habakkuk 3:17-18. What would be on your list of, “Though there be no _____”?
5. Pastor Rod looked at four ways to help us be joyful always. They were 1) find your joy in God, 2) find your joy in how God is working in people, 3) find your joy in obedience, and 4) find your joy in what God accomplishes through trials. Which of these speak to you the most? Why?
6. Are there other ways you’ve found to be joyful even when life isn’t going well? Explain.
7. Verse 17 tells us to “pray continually.” In what ways are you challenged by this?
8. Read Luke 18:1-8. What point is made? Are you like the widow? Why or why not?
9. What do you enjoy the most about prayer? What frustrations come to mind? What are some obstacles you need to get past?
10. Sometimes distractions, temptations, and the tasks at hand keep us from praying. Any ideas on how to “pray continually”?
11. If you were to be in prayer throughout the day and night, how might your life be different?
12. Verse 18 tells us to “give thanks in all circumstances.” If someone struggled with this concept, how would you explain it to them?
13. How does being constantly thankful help our relationship with God?
14. Think of something difficult you’re going through right now. What about it can you be thankful for?
15. What is the connection between being joyful, prayerful and thankful?