

Going Deeper Questions

Prayer Support

Ephesians 6:18-24

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1. (icebreaker) Jeremy shared a story about teaching his daughter how to ride a bike. Think of a funny story of when you tried to help someone else do something (or when someone tried to help you).

2. The first fill-in-the-blank highlighted Ephesians 6:18a. How often, when praying are we to pray “in the Spirit”? Do you remember what Jeremy said that meant?
 - a. When you pray do you always feel a connection with God? Why or why not?
 - b. If we don’t feel like we are praying “in the Spirit,” (even over a long period of time) what should we do about it (cf. 1 Thessalonians 5:17)?

3. Remember the two areas that Jeremy mentioned that we may support each other in prayer (see your outline and Ephesians 6:19-21)? Of the two, would you agree that we make requests more for the second one than the first?
 - a. What area of ministry are you in; and how can we be praying for each other when it comes to ministry?
 - b. What can we do to promote honesty about our failures, insecurities, and shortcomings—for the purpose of supporting each other, especially in prayer?

4. What were the two ways that prayer connects our hearts (according to your outline)? For that first way, read Ephesians 4:11-16 – what is the purpose of the body (the church) according to these verses? Do you feel connected in your heart to others in this body—Faith Church? Why or why not?

5. Jeremy shared an illustration about canoeing and coming up to the shore (at the end of his sermon). When you pray would you say your desire is to pull God to do your will—to align with your heart; or, would you say, when you pray, your desire is to pull your will to His, and to align your heart with His?

6. Do you agree or disagree: “You can’t grow deep with each other as Christians without praying for each other.” Here is one more: “You can’t grow deep with God without praying to Him.” Based on your discussion, what commitments (or recommitments) do you think we should make concerning our prayer life.