

COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS

Faithful in Prayer (Season 2) | Pastor Mike McKinney

Monday, Oct. 13 - Sunday, Oct. 19 (Week 5)

In this sermon, we explored the importance of praying together as a community, as highlighted in Luke 11:1-13. The disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray, emphasizing the communal aspect of prayer with the phrase "teach us to pray." The sermon underscored that praying together should be childlike, yet God-exalting and God-dependent, reflecting a deep neediness and boldness before God. We are encouraged to approach God as beloved children, free from pretense and formality, and to pray with shameless persistence, much like the friend in Jesus' parable who persistently asked for bread at midnight. The sermon also highlighted the significance of praying for God's presence, as the Father desires to give us the Holy Spirit above all else. This gift of the Spirit, made possible through Jesus' sacrifice, is central to our prayer life. We were challenged to desire God above all and to experience the power of collective prayer, which can strengthen our faith and community. The sermon concluded with an invitation to pray together, seeking more of God's presence in our lives.

QUESTION #1 - What does it mean to pray with childlike neediness and boldness? How does this differ from how you typically approach prayer?

QUESTION #2 - What are some personal barriers you face when it comes to praying with others? How can we as a group support each other in this?

