

COMMUNITY GROUP - QUESTIONS ONLY

Fall 2024 - Salty Church - "Faithful in Prayer"

Monday, Oct. 28 - Sunday, Nov. 3 (Week 8)

Pastor McKinney emphasizes the importance of prayer and outlined key characteristics of what it means to be a "salty Christian"—a disciple of Jesus. He referenced a powerful parable from Luke 18 about a widow who persistently sought justice from a godless and indifferent judge. Despite her vulnerability as a woman and a widow in a male-dominated society, her relentlessness led to her being heard. Pastor McKinney drew a parallel, explaining that unlike the widow, who was powerless, followers of Christ—referred to as God's elect—have the assurance that their cries are heard by a loving God who desires to help them. Throughout the sermon, Pastor McKinney emphasized five key traits of a disciple: placing Jesus first in our loves, being fearlessly generous, experiencing freedom to serve, being fishers of men, and being faithful in prayer. He encourages us not only to understand these traits as mere teachings but to ensure we live them out actively within our church community. He concluded by stressing the significance of prayer, particularly as it relates to the challenges and uncertainties of life, and exhorted us to remain steadfast and persistent in our relationship with God through prayer, just like the widow in the parable.

QUESTION #1: How would you describe your current prayer life? Do you find it easy or challenging to be consistent in prayer?

QUESTION #2: The sermon mentioned that our identity as God's elect is a reason to be confident in prayer. How does knowing you are chosen by God influence your approach to prayer?

QUESTION #3: What are some barriers that prevent us from being faithful in prayer? How can we overcome these?

QUESTION #4: Share a personal story where you experienced God's faithfulness in response to persistent prayer. How did this experience shape your relationship with Him?

QUESTION #5: The sermon acknowledged that prayer can be hard and discouraging. How does this look for you and how do you handle moments when you feel like giving up on prayer?