

WITHOUT PRAYER EVANGELISM DIES

2 Thessalonians 3:1-5

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The questions below are designed to be used by Saylorville Church Cell Groups as they meet during the week following the Sunday morning message at Saylorville. The intent is not for groups to answer every question, but for leaders to use the questions as a guide as they tailor the discussion to the unique needs of their group. The Sunday message and these questions can be found each week at www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons.

CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP (10-15 MINUTES)

- *As a group, come up with a one-sentence definition of prayer (without using your smart-phones!)*
- *How has your thinking on prayer changed from when you were a child to now as an adult?*

APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)

- **Remember** what you talked about last time you met. Anything you need to follow up on as a group?
- **Review** the notes you took on Sunday. What is **one thing** that sticks out to you about what you heard?
- **Read** this week's passage together. In his message, **Pastor Chuck encouraged us to be a praying church, starting with each of us personally.**

2 Thessalonians 3:1-5 - Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you, 2 and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men. For not all have faith. 3 But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one. 4 And we have confidence in the Lord about you, that you are doing and will do the things that we command. 5 May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.

- *Underline key words or phrases in the passage. What sticks out to you about these specific words?*
- *From what you know of Paul's life, how important was prayer to his life and ministry? Give examples.*
- *Now think about your own life - what examples can you share of how prayer impacts your life?*
- *What are the specific prayer requests Paul has in verse 1 and 2?*
- *Would you say that you pray for yourself or others more in your prayer life?*
- *What do you find yourself praying for consistently?*
- *How might you adjust your heart (vs 5) so that the content, consistency, and commitment of your prayer more closely matches what Paul is describing in this passage?*

PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- Take some extra time focusing on prayer tonight as a group:
 1. Share the names of men and women who need to hear and respond to the Gospel of Jesus. Write the names down for everyone to see.
 2. Print out the prayer cards on the next two pages. Cut them out and ask people to pick one or two and pray through each passage, using the names from the list your group created together.



"Father, in the name of Jesus, I plead that You will draw _____ to Jesus Christ in true faith and repentance."
(John 6:44)

"Father, I ask You to bind and remove Satan's work in _____'s life and to open _____'s eyes to the truth of the gospel."
(2 Corinthians 4:4)

"Holy Spirit, in the name of Jesus, I pray that You would destroy any false ideas that _____ has about Jesus Christ and salvation through Him."
(Proverbs 14:12)

"Father, I pray that You will open _____'s heart so that he/she will receive and believe the gospel."
(Acts 16:14)

"Holy Spirit, I plead that _____ will understand the gospel when it is presented to him/her so that the devil cannot snatch it away."
(Matthew 13:5, 9)

"In the name of Jesus, I ask You, Father, to quicken _____ who is dead in sins and trespasses."
(Ephesians 2:1)

"Holy Spirit, I pray that You would convince _____ that he/she is lost, separated from God, and headed to hell."
(Romans 3:23)

"Lord Jesus, I plead that You will seek out _____ and save him/her from his/her sins and eternal life without you."
(Luke 19:10)

"Holy Spirit, I ask You through Your power and _____'s circumstances to prepare him/her to hear and receive the Word of God."
(Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23)

"Holy Spirit, in the name of Jesus, I plead that the Word of God will take root in _____'s life and bring about true salvation in _____'s life."
(Matthew 13:6, 20-21)

"Father, I ask that the pleasures of this world and the pressures of life will not choke the Word of God that has been sown into _____'s life."
(Matthew 13:7, 22)

"Father, I pray that _____ will receive the free gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ the Lord."
(Romans 6:23)

"Holy God, I pray that You would grant genuine repentance to _____, a repentance that will cause him/her to hate sin and to turn from it."
(Acts 11:8; Luke 13:1-3)

"Holy Spirit, I pray that You would stir _____ out of his/her indifference and complacency concerning his/her condition and his/her need of the Lord Jesus Christ."
(2 Corinthians 6:2)

"Father, I pray that You will send people continually into _____'s life who will share the gospel with him/her."
(Romans 10:14)

"Father, I plead that You will deliver _____ from the kingdom of darkness and place _____ into the kingdom of Your dear Son."
(Colossians 1:13)

"Lord Jesus, I ask that _____ will not trust in himself/herself, but that _____ will completely trust in You as his/her Savior and Lord."
(Galatians 2:16)

"Lord God, I plead that You would grant _____ genuine faith, a faith that trusts in Jesus alone and surrenders to Him as Lord and Savior."
(Ephesians 2:8-10)

"I ask in the name of Jesus Christ that _____ would surrender himself/herself to the Lord Jesus Christ."
(Romans 14:9)

"Father, I plead in the name of Jesus that You will put a new heart in _____ and that You will place Your Holy Spirit in him/her."
(Jeremiah 42:30; Ezekiel 11:19-20)