

PRAYER THAT BATTLES

Ephesians 6:10-20 (esp. vs. 18)

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The questions below are designed to be used by Saylorville Church Community 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)

- Would you consider yourself a “perfectionist”? Sometimes perfectionists make easy things really complicated! Are there examples of that in your life, or in the life of someone you know?

APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)

- **Remember** what you talked about last time. Is there anything you need to **follow up** on this week?
- **Review** your Sermon Notes together. What is **one thing** that sticks out to you about what you learned?
- **Read** this week’s passage together. In his message, **Colton Willey uncovered what it looks like to have a prayer life that battles.**

INTRO:

- Sometimes we make prayer more complicated than it really is. Before you did into tonight’s discussion, take a few minutes to talk about everyone’s greatest needs, struggles, or prayer requests. Keep these in mind as you walk through the passage together.

Characteristics of Prayer that Battles:

1. **P - Proactive (Ephesians 6:18; 1 Samuel 23:1-5)**

- Colton said, “A day started without prayer is a day started without armor.” How does prayer prepare us for every day? Do you have a specific, intentional time for prayer each morning?
- What are the places, people, or circumstances that tempt you to sin throughout the week? What specific prayers can you pray that might help you in the face of these specific temptations?

2. **R - Reactive (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18; Philippians 4:4-6; Colossians 4:2)**

- Our words to God - our prayers - must first and foremost be reactive to God’s words to us. How can memorizing Scripture (the *rhemas* from the Sword of the Lord) help us react with truth to life’s circumstances?
- One of the lies that Satan tells us is that there are things that are too insignificant to pray about. What are some “small” things that you tend to overlook in your prayers? Why do think that’s true?

3. **A - Advocating (Ephesians 6:18-19)**

- Paul reminds Christ followers to pray for each other. What do your prayers for other people usually look like? What do you pray for? How might your prayers for others change if you prayed for God’s will in their life?
- Prayer brings unity between believers. Does your Community Group spend quality time praying for each other during and in-between your gatherings? How can you grow in this area as a group?

4. **Y - Yielding (2 Chronicles 20:12 and 15)**

- Do you ever feel like prayer isn’t the best use of your time? Like your energies would be better spent actually **DOING** something? How might this reveal your attitude about God Himself?
- What are some ways that you can pray this week that begin by yielding to God’s will?

PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- Pray for the needs, struggles, and prayer requests that your group shared earlier - in a brand new way!

