

## **Community Notes**

February -6, 2022

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This week was Part 4 of our current series, “Thirst” series. We heard from Pastor Kevin who showed us biblically what it means to pray in the Spirit. We learned that prayer is about God speaking to Himself, through Himself because of the Holy Spirit dwelling in us!

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What stood out to you the most in this weekend’s message? Why was this so impactful to you?

**1. Read Jude vs. 20-21. Paul encourages us in this scripture to pray in holy spirit. Some versions say, “as the Holy Spirit helps you pray”.**

1. How has this week’s teaching increased your understanding of what it means to pray in the Holy Spirit?
2. Share with the group your approach to prayer before and after this week’s message.

**2. Read Eph. 6:17. Pastor Kevin reminded us that if we want to have a good relationship with God, we need to listen to God. The main way we listen to God is through His holy Word which is the sword of the Spirit.**

1. How has your time in the Word of God been?
2. Share how you speak God’s Word back to Him in your prayers.

**3. Read Eph. 6:18a, Rom. 8:26-27, and 2 Cor. 12:9. We learned the first way we are to pray in the Spirit is through Attentive Listening. Prayer was never meant to be a monologue from us to God.**

1. How do you practice listening to God when you pray?
2. Do you find yourself easily distracted when you pray? If so, what can you do to help keep focused on listening to God and avoiding distractions?

**4. Read Eph. 6:16 and Mark 14:38. When we pray, we are also to Be Alert and On the Lookout. The 2 main areas that keep us from being vigilant are laziness and busyness.**

1. Being honest with one another, share some areas in your spiritual life in which you struggle with laziness and busyness.
2. Share how you are committed to changing these behaviors so you can be alert and on the lookout against the enemy.

**5. Read John 15:7. Another way we pray in the Spirit is by Vigorously Pursuing by praying with purpose and passion (e.g., clip from the movie, *War Room*)**

1. Would you describe your prayer life as having purpose and passion?
2. How can you turn your prayer time into a vigorous time of pleading with God?

**6. Read Eph. 6:18b-19. Part of praying in the Spirit is that we Actively Love.**

1. How do you show active love for others when you pray?
2. How is the Spirit speaking to you through this teaching about actively loving others?

**7. Read Rom. 15:30 & Dan. 10:2-19. We see the heart of earnest prayer in 2 powerful men of God, the Apostle Paul, and Daniel. They demonstrated in their lives that we must Aggressively Labor if we are to pray in the Spirit.**

1. Do you see prayer as a checklist of something you have to do, or do you approach prayer as a time to purposely and aggressively labor in the Spirit to cry out petitions to God?
2. How much effort and labor do you place on your prayer time?

***Spend time closing out your group time by praying with passion and purpose for God to help you start to see prayer differently. Ask Him to place a burden on your heart to Listen, Be Alert, Pursue, Actively Love, and Labor in prayer.***

## Thirst

Week 4 : Dry as Dust

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1. Based on how the Spirit has spoken to you this week, what is one action step you want to take this week to align yourself more fully with Scripture?
2. How has your time with God, in the Word, and in prayer been this past week?
3. What personal spiritual struggle(s), are you facing and how will you actively surrender them to God this week? (Marriage, parenting, work, finances, relationships, personal strongholds/sin, etc.)
4. What else can we be praying with you about this week?

## Announcements

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### **Free Breakfast Outreach ( this is a great place for you and your group to step out in faith and serve in)**

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month, we serve our city with free breakfast! We need your help - volunteers are needed in many areas of this ministry. You can sign up online under the events tab – Drive-In Breakfast. <https://cornerstonedeltona.com/events/drive-in-breakfast/>

### **WALK FOR LIFE-**

this Saturday, March 12. Cornerstone will have a tent set up at this years Walk for Life at Gemini Springs in DeBary. We will have information about our church to hand out. I am looking for 5-8 people to help with this. I will be setting the tent up at 9:00 am and the walk starts at 10:00 am. If you are a baker and feel like making cookies for us to hand out at our table please reach out to me and we can schedule a time to meet if you are unable to make the event.

### **Need Help**

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**We are looking for help with the Small Group Kiosk. If you are in a Small Group and are currently not serving we could use your help and service. For more information reach out to Josh Rhoads at [jrhoads@cornerstonechurch.co](mailto:jrhoads@cornerstonechurch.co) Thanks for your help.**