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Evangelical Free Church
of Bloomington/Normal

Message-Based Questions

Spiritual Disciplines: Prayer
Colossians 4:2; Luke 18:1-8

Share

What do you find difficult about prayer?

Reflect Read Colossians 4:2 and Luke 1-8

1. What is prayer? What aspects of prayer are addressed in these verses?
2. Do you ever feel like you are speaking to a hard-hearted authority when you ask God for something over and over again and there is no answer?
3. Why is a biblical understanding of God's character necessary for us to persist in prayer?
4. How can we be "watchful" in prayer?
5. How long and how often do you pray in order to have "persisted" in prayer? When do you conclude that God is saying "no"?
6. Why might God delay in answering prayer?
7. Is it ever appropriate to pray for something one time and not keep bringing it to God?

Apply

1. Have you given up on praying for something important? If you haven't heard a definite "No," from God, begin again to take that concern to the One who loves you.
2. Which points of Pastor Rick's message impacted you most? How will you put that into practice this week?
3. This week how can you add thankfulness to your prayers? Watchfulness?

Care/Prayer

For Further Study

1. What implication do these verses have for prayer: I Thessalonians 5:17; Hebrews 11:35-39; 2 Peter 3:8; Ps. 90:4; Joel 2:13; James 5:16; Philippians 1:6; Jeremiah 29:11; Isaiah 49:16; Matthew 10:31.
2. Books: With Christ in the School of Prayer, Andrew Murray; Dare to Draw Near, John White; The Practice of the Presence of God, Brother Lawrence; Prayer, Timothy Keller; Before You Say Amen, Max Lucado