SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

The Rewards of Prayer

With Gerrit Nieuwoudt - Prayer Mobilizer May 30, 2021



James 4:2 (NIV) "You don't have, because you don't ask God."

• Prayer brings the Presence of God.

Ephesians 1:17 (NIV) "I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ...may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better."

"Prayer is not merely a way to get things from God but is a way to get more of God himself." – Timothy Keller

Prayer Brings Peace.

Jesus said in John 14:27 (NIV) "My peace I give to you; my peace I leave with you."

Philippians 4:6-7 (NLT) "Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus."

• Prayer Brings <u>Power.</u>

"Prayer moves the hand of God." - Author Unknown

Big Idea: <u>Practice</u> prayer and receive the greatest reward of all, <u>God himself</u> – who is our <u>God of peace</u> and of <u>great power.</u>

What steps can we take?

Pray...

Revelation 3:20 (NIV) "Here I am, I stand at the door and knock"

Pray in Jesus name!

1 Timothy 2:5 (NIV) "For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus..."

Jeremiah 17:7-8 (NIV) "But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by the water... It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit."



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- 6. How do you feel about the idea of God speaking through the Bible?
- 7. Does anyone have any practical suggestions about how to read the Bible?
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