

Series: Kingdom Come

Sermon Title: Uncommon Prayers

Passage: 2 Thessalonians 3:1-5

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Main Point: How different would our community be if we prayed for people more than we talked about people?

Prayer = communicating with God.

God already knows everything about me and everything I need.

Matthew 6:8 (CSB)

⁸Don't be like them, because your Father knows the things you need before you ask him.

The Purpose of Prayer:

- Deepening our dependence on God
- Deepening our relationship with God
- Deepening our involvement in the Kingdom of God

The Power of Prayer:

- God responds to prayer
- The Holy Spirit is active during prayer
- Conforming our will to the will of God

The Practice of Prayer:

Personal prayer & Corporate prayer

- Confession
- Requests
- Praise
- Thanksgiving
- Intercession

Praying for ourselves

Praying for others

2 Thessalonians 3:1-2 (CSB)

¹In addition, brothers and sisters, pray for us that the word of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it was with you,

²and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil people, for not all have faith.

Uncommon Prayers = The Prayers We Don't Normally Pray

What if we:

- Pray for people more than we are critical of people?
- Pray for people more than we talk about people?
- Pray for people more than we spend time being frustrated with people?
- Pray for unchristians as fervently as we pray for sick people?
- Pray for people more than we condemn people?

I have to fight to keep my prayers:

Gospel-centered not self-centered.

God-honoring not self-serving.

If Jesus answered your prayers with a “yes” would they bring you closer to Jesus?

When we pray for people to respond to the Gospel we:

1. Pray that The Holy Spirit works in their lives to: softens hearts, point out their sin and need for Jesus.
2. Praying that The Holy Spirit works in our lives to: provides opportunities for conversations, emboldens us to speak, gives us the words to speak, and the resources to tangibly serve.

2 Thessalonians 3:3–5 (CSB)

³But the Lord is faithful; he will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one.

⁴We have confidence in the Lord about you, that you are doing and will continue to do what we command.

⁵May the Lord direct your hearts to God's love and Christ's endurance.