

## In Prayer Eph 6:18-20



This guide is intended to help you be better prepared to engage in making disciples in your small group. They are based off of the Sunday sermon listed in the top right corner. If you missed Sunday, make sure you take the time to listen to the sermon before your small group meeting. You can find the messages on our website.

Prayerfully considering these questions will help equip you to practice mutual ministry with your family at Vertical. While it's not likely that all of these questions will be asked during your small group meeting, we believe that your personal walk with Christ will be strengthened as you meditate upon the truths that God is teaching you through His Word.

- 1) Have you been actively engaged in ever present spiritual warfare? Share some "war" stories from the last week.
- 2) What are the implications of prayer not being mentioned by Paul as a piece of armor? What role does prayer serve? When do you get discouraged in prayer? In what ways does this play out in spiritual warfare?
- 3) Is prayer non-negotiable for you? Why should it be? What needs to change for you to be alert in prayer?
- 4) What are some strategies to ensure your prayer meets the need of the moment?
- 5) Bring a verse to share that would direct strategic prayer for the saints. Spend time praying as a large group.
- 6) Make a plan to grow in the spiritual discipline of prayer. Be prepared to share it during your breakout time.
- 7) Which of the four types of prayer do you most often gravitate to? How can you grow in praying the types of prayer that you don't usually pray?
- 8) We tend to default to praying for comfort and safety for ourselves and others. Name some specific, strategic things we can pray for others that go beyond comfort and safety.
- 9) Share some "things" that have been on your prayer list the longest. How do you keep praying for these people or situations without giving up on God?
- 10) How can your prayer life be more diverse?
- 11) How would you characterize your prayer life right now? (DON'T say "It could be better!") Be specific. What are your strengths and weaknesses in regard to your prayer life?