

Summer Nights at The Bridge

The Challenge of Paul's Prayer Life

What are we called to do as believers and servants of Christ?

- _____ one another
 - John 15:12
 - Matthew 5:44
- Go into all the world and make _____.
 - Matthew 28:18-20
- _____: This is God's _____ for us
 - 1 Thessalonians 5:17

Praying like Paul

Consistency

- The majority of Paul's epistles have a prayer in the first chapter, first verses of the letters.
 - _____ out of 13 of the epistles start with prayer
 - _____ epistle contains prayers
 - Acts gives us examples of Paul's commitment to prayer
- He uses phrases that reveal his devotion
 - 1 Thessalonians 3:10

- “As we _____ and _____ keep praying most earnestly that we may see your face and complete what is lacking in your faith”
- 2 Timothy 1:3
 - “I thank God, whom I serve with a clear conscience the way my forefathers did, as I _____ remember you in my prayers _____ and _____.
- Pray _____ .
 - Ephesians 1:15-16
 - “Do not cease giving thanks for you while making mention of you in my prayers”
 - Colossians 1:3
 - (3) Praying _____ for you
 - (9) we _____ _____ _____ praying for you
- This takes _____.
- This takes a _____.

Content

- Types of prayers
 - For specific _____ .
 - For specific _____ .
 - For the _____ .
- Request for prayers
 - For _____ .
- The most frequent prayers are for _____ .
- 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12
 - That they be _____ of their calling
 - That God’s _____ in their lives would be evident
 - With _____.

- Ephesians 1:18-20
 - Their _____ in the Lord
 - Their glorification _____ Lord in their lives
 - According to _____ .

Paul's Vision of Eternity

- _____
 - 2 Corinthians 4:18
 - “while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen.; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal”
 - 2 Corinthians 12:3-4
 - Caught up into Paradise
- _____
 - Romans 2:5
 - Romans 6:23

The tension in Paul's life

- Philippians 1:21

Our prayer life is directly related to our own vision of eternity

If you desire a more fulfilling prayer life, study the impact of eternity on those you care about and the world we live in.

Is God living in our story or are we living in God's story?

Discussion and Prayer

Read Ephesians 1:18-19

- Discuss how you would pray this for unbelievers
- Take a few minutes to pray for someone you know that needs salvation by using these verses as a guide

Read Ephesians 3:14-19

- Discuss how you would pray this prayer for believers
- Take a few minutes to pray for someone you care about using these verses as your guide