

SERMON DISCUSSION GROUP

EMPTY THE JAR

While anyone can take time to answer these questions individually, these questions are best discussed in a group! Not in a group yet? We want you in one! Head over to southeastchristian.org to join a group in person or online, wherever you are - today!

In spiritual warfare, prayer is where the battle is won or lost. Because the victory already belongs to Jesus, those who trust in Him are alert to the power and priority of prayer. When we want to fight, we fight on our knees.

Do you usually view prayer as an act of warfare? Why or why not? How would viewing prayer in this way change the urgency with which you pray? How would it transform the things you pray about?

Read Ephesians 6:18-20. As you read the passage, make a list of all the things Paul asks the Ephesians to pray for. How does this compare to the things that you normally pray for? What would it look like for you to take Paul's requests and update them for your own prayer list?

Paul is in prison as he writes this letter to the Ephesians. Yet, he prays for confidence in sharing the Gospel rather than comfort for his circumstances. Are you more likely to pray for comfort or confidence? Why? How do your prayers reveal this priority? How can we pray for this same kind of Gospel boldness in our day?

Read Revelation 5:8. How does this verse describe our prayers? What does this teach us about the power of prayer? What does it show us about how God views our prayers? In what ways does this imagery help encourage and challenge you in your own prayer life?

Read Numbers 17:8-13. As Kyle said, this passage gives us a unique glimpse at the power of prayer in our battles. Based on this passage, why is it important for us to "stay alert" in prayer? Why do we need to involve other people to help encourage and support us in our prayers? Who are the "Aaron" and "Hur" in your life you can count on to embolden you in prayer?

As we wrap up our time in Ephesians, what have been some of the most significant things you have learned through this letter? What has it taught you about your identity in Christ? What new perspectives has it given you? How has it changed the way you view relationships in the home and in the workplace? In what ways has it challenged your views of spiritual warfare? How has Paul used this short letter to speak into the totality of life?