

Sermon Notes

"Persistent Prayer, Bold Evangelism"

Ephesians 6:18-20

June 2, 2024

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4. For what does Paul ask prayer? Is it surprising that he does not ask that they pray for his release from prison? What can you conclude about Paul from his prayer request? What is most important to him?

5. What does Paul's prayer request suggest for ...

a. our intercession for those actively spreading the gospel?

b. our own presentation of the gospel to unbelievers?

6. What would renewed boldness look like in your own evangelism?

Let's Pray

Growth Group Homework

For the week of 06-02-2024

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Getting Started:

1. Would someone listening to your prayers think you are wrestling against the “spiritual forces of evil” or against “flesh and blood”? Why?

Digging Deeper:

Read Ephesians 6:10-20.

2. The command in verse 18 relates to the spiritual warfare described ahead of it, as a means toward that objective. Why do you think Paul wraps up his discussion of the “full armor of God” with this command? Why is the work of prayer so crucial?
3. List the five instructions on how to pray given in verse 18. After each, explain the specific instructions in your own words. Put a star by any of the instructions you are not sure you practice. How will you evaluate this and strengthen these practices?
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