
Whether it be a football team, basketball team, or any type of team for that matter, it takes everyone doing their part to truly be successful. Interestingly enough, nothing changes in the church. You have a role to play, and that role is critical to the mission of God. Time cannot be wasted...it's time to be ALL IN!

Icebreaker: What is your favorite sandwich place to eat and why?

1. Why do you think the topic of prayer is a convicting topic for most people to discuss?
 - a. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18: How does this verse portray an active prayer life?
 - b. Is this type of lifestyle really possible? Why or Why not? If so, what do you think it would look like?
2. Read Matthew 7:7-11, 21:21-22; What do these two passages teach is about prayer?
 - a. Do you think God answers selfish prayers? Why or why not?
3. All of us usually have some area that we personally wrestle with when it comes to prayer. For example: We have a hard time praying because we feel it won't really make a difference. Or, we just don't know what to do if God would say "no." Is there a particular wrestle that you have when it comes to praying.
4. Read Luke 22:39-46; Jesus obviously valued taking time to pray. There are many things that we can learn from his example to help us grow in our understanding of prayer and our practice of praying. Take time to talk about the four reasons that Jesus valued prayer and specifically how these reasons can be applied to your life and the church.
 - a. Prayer provided an eternal reality check.
 - b. Prayer served as a place to find comfort and reinforcement.
 - c. Prayer can be a great source of strength.
 - d. Prayer connects an individual to the heart and values of God.

Close in Prayer: (If in a group close by taking time to pray for the needs of those in the group.)

Challenge: Married couples take time to pray with your spouse every evening this week. Singles take time every night to pray for your future spouse or for the marriages in the church.

Prep for next week: Start reading on chapter of Proverbs a day.