

Prayer Fuel

Main Scripture: Ephesians 1:15-23

Additional Scriptures: 1st John 3:23, Luke 4:32, Luke 6:40, John 17:3, Ephesians 6:12, Ephesians 6:18, Exodus 1:8, Romans 16:20, 1st Corinthians 1:20, 2nd Chronicles 7:14

Hearing: Discussion Questions

- **Read Ephesians 1:15.** This is the end game – faith in Christ and love for the saints. This was the reputation that the church in Ephesus had. When people talk about your faith and love, what reputation does your small group have?
 - Do you personally have?
- **Read Luke 4:32, Luke 6:40, and Eph. 1:16-18.** “If you want to be wildly effective in prayer, you have to recognize the authority of the believer.” What authority is Pastor Mike talking about? Cite some Scriptures to back up your claim.
- **Read Genesis 32:22-31.** Jesus loves to wrestle and loves aggressive prayers. Jacob physically wrestled God, but how do you wrestle in prayer? What does that look like? Have a few people explain the process of wrestling through prayer to the rest of the group.
- **Read Ephesians 1:18-23.** Paul specifically prays for our eyes to be opened. Why does Paul pray that? What does he want our eyes to be open to?
 - Do your eyes need to be opened? How has the enemy deceived you?
 - What are some common deceptions of the devil that believers buy into?
- “It is my business to pray and it is God’s business to decide what to do with those prayers.” How does this change your view on praying for people and certain situations?
- **Read** through the following promises of God: **James 5:16, Jeremiah 1:12, John 16:24, Matt. 21:22, Jer. 33:3, John 14:23, 1st John 5:14-15, John 14:13, Isaiah 55:11, John 15:7, Matt. 18:19, John 15:16, Jer. 29:12, Psalm 91:15.**
 - With these promises in mind, are there any mountains you are supposed to be speaking to?
 - Take some time to wrestle in prayer with your small group around some of the mountains in your lives, whether that be situations, family or friends that need to be saved, or other situations that you need to wrestle through.

Doing: Application

- Take time this week and really practice wrestling in prayer. Come back next week and talk about how this has affected your prayer life.