

HOME GROUP QUESTIONS FROM SERMON 16th June 2024

HOW DO WE PRAY FOR GOD'S PRESENCE IN EVERY PART OF OUR LIVES?

Ephesians 1: 15-23

INTRO - THANKSGIVING

15 For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, 16 I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers.

Icebreaker: Father's Day has just taken place this past weekend. What memories do you have of your fathers?

Question 1: Why is it such a good thing to give thanks?

1. HEAD

17 I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better

Question 2: Why is the activity of our mind so much more than just an intellectual exercise?

Question 3: How might our minds be shaped and trained spiritually?

2. HEART

18 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people,

Question 4: What are the "eyes of our heart"?

Question 5: What benefits might flow from them being opened?

3. FEET

19 and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength 20 he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, 21 far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. 22 And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

Question 6: How are God's feet used here?

Question 7: How might God want to use our feet for him?

A PRAYER

Loving Lord, thank you for every blessing you send my way, most especially the gift of your Son Jesus Christ, the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit, and this special moment of spiritual opportunity when I know you are listening to my prayer. Please renew my mind, that I may have the spirit of wisdom and revelation and see this world and my life as you see these things. Open the eyes of my heart, that the questions of my mind might be answered by you in my heart. Through forgiveness both given and received, help me let go of pain and embrace opportunity and experience in my life and the lives of those I love, that power which you used to raise Jesus Christ from the dead; that I might wait for you, renew my strength, run and not be weary, walk and not faint. For the sake of your Son, my Saviour Jesus Christ, Amen.