

*Be Faithful in Prayer*

Romans 12:12

January 8, 2017

1. Pastor Tom commented on some of the difficulties of prayer during the beginning of the sermon. What elements of prayer have proven to be difficult for you and why do you think this is so?
2. We are either motivated to pray by God's grace and love, or by guilt. Why is guilt a terrible motivator?
3. Pastor Tom explained that to be "faithful in prayer" means to make prayer an intentional, regular, habitual discipline in our life. Discuss ways that you can be intentional this week about setting aside time for prayer (This will be different for each person).
4. Pastor Tom explained that there are two reasons why love demands that we be "faithful in prayer." The first reason is because prayer allows us to experience God's great love for us.

Think about your current relationships (spouse, family, friends, or co-workers). How do you demonstrate your love for them on a regular basis? Why is it important that you cultivate your love for them regularly? How does this relate to our relationship with God?

5. The second reason why love demands that we be "faithful in prayer" is because once you experience God's love, you will want to share it with others. How is prayer a demonstration of your love for someone? How do you feel when someone says they have been praying for you?
6. How is having our spiritual needs met in Christ far greater than having our physical needs met?
7. End your time together by reading aloud Luke 11:5-13. Take time to pray with your group. Pray for one another and for loved ones. This week set aside intentional time to pray and experience God's love!