

1) The Spirit wants to hear words of prayer. (18)

Describe your prayer life. Do you always pray at all times for all the saints in all circumstances with all perseverance? (Me either. But we can make progress together!)

Do you have regular times of prayer alone with God on a daily basis? If not, why not?

Do you pray regularly with your spouse? Your children?

Who would you call first if you needed prayer? Why?

What circumstance in your life do you pray most about?

What circumstance in the life of “the saints” do you pray most about?

How do you pray for those who carry the weight of gospel ministry?

Review the Rhythm of Prayer that we have discussed at Harvest in the Past. How would this rhythm help you be more consistent in prayer?

Wow! *“Prayers flow from my desire for intimacy.”* (Ephesians 1:16-18)

- Worship- *“What a God!”*
- Confession- *“What a mess!”*

Help! *“Supplication flows from the recognition of my insufficiency.”* (Psalm 116:1-4)

- I Need You

Come! *“Intercession flows from feeling another’s difficulty.”* (Matthew 6:9-10; Isaiah 64:1)

- My friend (or enemy) needs you.

Thanks! *“Thanksgiving flows from seeing God’s goodness with clarity.”* (Psalm 107:1)

- I’m grateful for Your goodness!

2) The world needs to hear words of the gospel. (19)

Who do you interact with consistently that you need to believe the gospel?

Do you fear offending someone by offering the gospel? Why or why not?

Do you struggle to find words to share the gospel?

Discuss with your groups how you would start a gospel conversation.

What words are essential to a gospel presentation?

Are you a good ambassador of the gospel?

Take time in your group to ask the Holy Spirit to give words to each person to boldly proclaim the gospel. Follow up next week in your group to find out who “opened their mouths” to boldly share the gospel.

3) The church needs to hear words of encouragement. (20-24)

What is the most encouraging thing you have heard from someone in the church this week?

What is the most encouraging thing you have said to someone in the church this week? (Ouch, that assumes you actually took the time to encourage someone!)

How has our study in the book of Ephesians strengthened each of the following attributes in you?
How are you using your words to strengthen these qualities in others?

- Indestructible Peace
- Invisible Faith
- Indescribable Grace
- Incorruptible Love

Additional Scripture

- Luke 18:1
- Colossians 4:3
- 2Corinthians 5:20
- Acts 4:29
- Colossians 4:8