

Getting To Know You

1. When you think of movies or shows that are about the end of the world, what comes to mind? What are the most common reasons/ways the world ends?
2. William Carey said, "Prayer – secret, fervent, believing prayer – lies at the root of all personal godliness". Thoughts? What would be your response?
3. Max Lucado said, ""Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But since the power of prayer is in the one who hears it and not in the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference". Thoughts? Agree? Disagree?
4. Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

Digging Deeper

1. Peter says in 1 Peter 4:7, "the end of all things is at hand". What is Peter referring to? What was his expectations? The Church's? How has this idea or concept unfolded throughout church history? Has any generation ever thought they weren't in the end times? Explain.

What is your understanding of this? What are some healthy approaches to it? Unhealthy? In what ways should we live and act as if the end is near? How did the early church do this?

2. What does being sober-minded and self-controlled mean? What does this encompass? What does this look like in prayer? How do you know if you are praying fervently? What does fervent prayer produce? What does James 5:16 say?

Has your prayer life changed in anyway over the last couple weeks? If so, in what ways? What are some things that we can/should continue after this season is over? What are some ways that you can implement this into your quiet times, spiritual development, or daily disciplines? Explain.

3. What does loving one another look like? Who are the one another's that Peter is referring to? How important is hospitality? What are some things that the early church did to demonstrate this? Is this something that comes natural to you? Explain. What does Galatians 6:10 say? John 13:35?

What are some practical ways to do this? What can you do this week? How can you do this while practicing social distancing?

4. Is any spiritual gift more important than another? What has been your experience in this area? Who is the author and giver of the gifts? In what ways is immaturity on display when we act as if one is more important than another? What does Acts 20:35 say? What is the example that has been set for us?

What is your spiritual gifting? What are some practical ways that you can be using them in this season? Who is one person that you could serve this week?

5. How can you use this opportunity to speak boldly? What does 2 Peter 1:21 say? Have you downloaded the 3 Circles App? If not search "Life on Mission" in the App store or Google Play. How can you use this as a tool to share the gospel? Who is someone you need to share the gospel with this week?
6. In Mark 14:32-42, Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethsemane. What does He pray? Who is with Him? What are they doing? What is the request He makes? Who is He focused on? Who gets the glory? How does He submit to the Father's will?

What can we learn from Jesus' example? Does your prayer life look like this? Explain?

How can we ensure that in everything, God is glorified?

Growing Closer

1. Who is someone you shared the gospel with this week?
2. What have you been reading in your quiet times?
3. What has God been teaching you?

When People Pray
God is Glorified
1 Peter 4:7-11

I. Pray Fervently - v. 7b

II. Love Deeply - v. 8-9

III. Serve Faithfully - v. 10

IV. Speak Boldly - v. 11

The end result is...

- God gets the glory - v. 11
- God's will get done