



4-8-18 Sermon Discussion Guide “Game On!: Prayer”

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Context

Our Christian Education theme for year is “Game On!” We are encouraging people to be fully engaged participants in the ministry of First Presbyterian Church. Throughout this year, the second Sunday of each month will be our “Game On Sundays.” We’ll explore how we play this game as Christians and what we need in order to play it well. In short, we are all players on the team. Our presence matters. This month, we talk about prayer.

Checking In

Since the last time your group has met, how have each of you experienced God at work? What have you celebrated? What have you mourned?

Introduction

What is the purpose of prayer? Prayer can help us connect with God. Prayer can change us. Prayer can change others.

Discussing the Text – Matthew 7:7-11, 1 Thessalonians 5:17

1. What do you think the differences are between asking, seeking, and knocking?
2. What does it look like to pray continually? Have you ever tried doing this during your day?

So what?

1. How does prayer help you connect with God?
2. How do you see prayer changing you?
3. How do you see prayer changing others?
4. What are your thoughts and feelings when your prayers are not answered the way you want?
5. How do you trust the promises of the verses in Matthew while knowing the real presence of pain, suffering, and death in this world?

Prayer

Share something you for which you are thankful and/or something for which you need support. Commit to practicing the discipline of prayer this week. Start with a daily commitment- perhaps 5 or 10 minutes. Commit to praying for specific people or situations close to you. Ask God to reveal Himself to you through your prayers.