



## LIFELINE Discussion Guide

Week of March 10, 2025

1. Provide the following answers for a short PRAYER-SURVEY:
  - a. *The longest time I ever spent in prayer was when:* \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. *I remember sending up an "emergency prayer" because of:* \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. *The most urgent prayer I ever prayed was in relation to:* \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. *One earnest prayer I'm still waiting on an answer for:* \_\_\_\_\_
2. Read Ephesians 6:10-18. Have two different people read verse 18 from at least two (2) different Bible translations.
3. Pastor Ryan explained that prayer is NOT the seventh piece of armor, but prayer is the ENERGY that helps Christians wear the armor of God and wield the sword effectively. What does James 5:16 say about the power of prayer? What did the church's prayer accomplish in Acts 12?
4. What does it mean to "...pray always" or "... pray without ceasing"? Does this mean non-stop, around-the-clock prayer? If not, what does it mean? How frequent should our prayers be?
5. Is prayer only about asking God for things? What other kinds of prayers are in the Bible? (Give some examples) How should this variety show up in your prayer life?
6. What does it mean to "...pray in the Spirit" (Eph. 6:18)? Pastor Ryan suggested that the best and most effective prayers are offered "TO God the Father, IN THE NAME/AUTHORITY of the Son, and BY THE POWER/EFFECTIVENESS of the Holy Spirit." How could you explain this concept to a new Christian?
7. What does it mean to be persistent? What parable did Jesus tell to teach His disciples about being persistent in prayer (see Luke 18:1-8)? Summarize this parable in your own words. Why do we give up praying so easily?
8. What does the Bible say about praying for others, especially other believers? (see James 5:16; Galatians 6:2; Philippians 2:4) *Close your Life Group in a time of prayer where you pray for your pastors, deacons, ministry leaders, missionaries, and Wrightsdale church family.*

*It's not where you pray for when you pray, it's how you pray that wins battles.*