



11am Bible Study: Pastor Will Lloyd, IV, MTS

Topic: Fervently Pray and Live Faithfully
Series: Live On Mission
Chapters: 2 Thess. 3 Oct. 23rd, 2024

Central Text: 2 Thessalonians 3:1-5, NKJV, 1 Finally, brethren, pray for us, *that the word of the Lord may run swiftly and be glorified*, just as it is with you, 2 and that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men; for not all have faith. 3 But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you and guard you from the evil one. 4 And we have confidence in the Lord concerning you, both that you do and will do the things we command you. 5 Now may the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the patience of Christ.

Lesson Summary

Paul writes to Christians in Thessalonica to encourage them to pray for evangelists and missionaries and practice spiritual disciplines. Their prayers were critical because there was much persecution against followers of Jesus. Further, to overcome the young church's obstacles, the Apostle Paul encouraged them to practice spiritual disciplines that would assist them in enduring hardship.

Lesson Outcome

In this lesson, believers will be encouraged to pray for evangelists and missionaries faithfully and to pursue Jesus daily in their spiritual war. Jesus taught His disciples to pray in what is known as the Lord's prayer. In it, Jesus told his disciples to pray for God's Kingdom to come, which points to the importance of praying for evangelists and missionaries to share the gospel of Jesus no matter the opposition so that God's Kingdom can come soon. Students will be encouraged to live out spiritual disciplines at all times so that they'll be ready for the Lord's return.

How do we Fervently Pray and Live Faithfully?

1. Pray For Active Witnesses of Jesus – 2 Thessalonians 3:1

- All trips for the sole purpose of sharing the gospel of Jesus must be covered in prayer. Ask God to direct you who to reach out to next for a gospel conversation.
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2. Pray For God's Protection of Active Witnesses of Jesus – 2 Thessalonians 3:2

- Satan isn't pleased when God's children surrender to His call to share Jesus, so we must pray for those who actively engage with people to talk about the love of Jesus.
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3. Rely on God's Promises in Spiritual War – 2 Thessalonians 3:3

Question for Dialogue: God will guard us from the evil one and establish / sustain us. God will punish those who persecute us. God's grace is sufficient. When we are weak, we are strong, because in our weakness we rely on Jesus.
What is the most difficult struggle for you in your Christian walk?

4. Obey God's Will for Daily Living – 2 Thessalonians 3:4

Question for Dialogue: God will alert us to and bring to mind those things he desires us to obey. **How has God orchestrated events in your life to bring you to your current place of obedience?**

5. Embrace God's Love and Endure Suffering – 2 Thessalonians 3:5

Question for Dialogue: *What has God-allowed persecution taught you about yourself?*

Lesson Application

At the conclusion of this lesson, students will be encouraged to pray for evangelists and missionaries daily and strategically apply God's word to a current challenge in their lives. This lesson should also inspire students to share their faith locally, nationally, and internationally because, in addition to praying for evangelists and missionaries, Jesus has called us to be evangelists and missionaries.