



Liturgy for Sunday, February 21st

5: Opening Prayer

Open with prayer

25: Scripture Reading and Message Discussion

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20

Reflection Questions:

****Set aside a good chunk of your Home Church time at the end to allow for each person to receive prayer. If it's helpful, you may simply take turns praying this prayer of Paul for each person. Don't just do it as a group, but take time to pray it over each person.**

16 (Name of person _____), we pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And we pray that you, being rooted and established in love, 18 may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, 19 and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

1. Is there a thought that stuck out to you, or spoke to you, from this week's message?
2. How does it impact your reading of this passage to consider that it has an *offensive* rather than *defensive* posture?
3. What does it look like to be on the 'offensive' with the armor Paul says has been given to us by God: *truth, righteousness, peace, faith, Spirit/Word*?
4. Jon Tyson says that prayer is charismatic and contemplative. How do you experience each of these aspects of prayer? Do you lean toward one more than the other?

Practice for the week: Pray with someone (not just for them). This could be spoken, or you could write it and send it via email or snail mail.