

GET IN THE GAME

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BIG IDEA

The challenge is not that we ditch personal prayer, but that we prioritize missional prayer.

KEY VERSES

Philippians 1:1-6, 18-19; 4:14-18;

Matthew 9:37-38; Romans 10:1;

Ephesians 6:19-20;

Galatians 3:2-3;

Colossians 4:2-4

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1). When you think about living under God's expectations, what emotions arise? Do you feel motivated, anxious, or something else? How do these feelings impact your daily walk with God?
- 2). With Galatians 3:2-3 in mind, think of a time when you tried to meet expectations—God's or others—in your own strength. What was the outcome? How might relying more on the Holy Spirit have changed that experience?
- 3). Philippians 1:18-19 speaks about the power of prayer and God's provision. How does this passage encourage you to engage in prayer that supports the advancement of the gospel? What does it look like to pray missionally?
- 4). Considering the challenges of nominal Christianity, how can you ensure that your faith is not just in name only, but fully lived out in all aspects of life? What steps will you take to move beyond nominal Christianity?
- 5). Read Philippians 1:3-6. Paul expresses gratitude for the Philippians' partnership. How can you contribute to a stronger partnership within your own faith community? What role do you think you are called to play?
- 6). How does understanding the early church's all-in commitment inspire you today? What actions can you take to reflect that same level of dedication and partnership in your life?

7). How can your small /community group better reflect the unity and partnership Paul speaks of? What practical steps can we take together to support one another in the mission of the church?

8). As you consider the mission of God and your role in it, what specific areas in your life do you feel called to change or strengthen? How will you rely on the Holy Spirit to make these changes?

9). In what practical ways can you shift from focusing solely on personal prayer to incorporating more missional prayer? What specific prayers can you begin to incorporate this week to align with God's mission?

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