



Riverstone
BAPTIST CHURCH

Sermon Based Questions

Date- Sunday 7th May 2023

Series- Alongsiders Part 1

People of Prayer

35 Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. 36 Simon and his companions went to look for him, 37 and when they found him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for you!" 38 Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come."

1. Prayer prepares and empowers us for mission. Mk 1:35-39

- Jesus' intimacy with the Father empowered mission.
- The history of Christian mission is the story of prayer.
- Prayer stokes our passion for God.
- Prayer empowers us for mission.

2. Prayer opens the doors for the gospel. Col. 4:2-6

- Be devoted to prayer
- Pray for open doors
- Pray for clarity.

3. We are empowered by the Spirit. 2 Chronicles 7:14.

- Prayer is essential for revival and renewal of the church.
- Prayer is not a stand-alone activity.
- Prayer is a communal activity.

A. Examining the texts.

1. Read Mark 1:35-39. How does Jesus demonstrate that prayer gives mission clarity?
2. Read Colossians 4:2-6. What does Paul tell the Colossians to do in relation to prayer and the mission?
3. Read Chronicles 7:14. How according to this passage does prayer relate to revival and renewal?
4. Are there any other passages of scripture that you can think of, that marry prayer and the mission of God?

B. Meditation & application

5. What stands out for you from these passages?
6. How would you summarize their teaching on prayer and its relationship to mission?
7. Discuss a time when God answered your prayers? What do you find hard about prayer- what obstacles do you face in your prayer life?
8. How can you pray for the mission of God in the world in the coming week?

A Prayer: Heavenly Father- you call us to proclaim and demonstrate the good news of the gospel to our world and yet so often we feel weak and unsure. Help us to recognize our weakness and to call on God to open eyes and soften hearts to the gospel. Help us to not grow weary but to keep calling on you. In Jesus Name- Amen.