



## Key References:

### Philippians 4:6–7 (ESV)

<sup>6</sup>do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

“What the Church needs to-day is not more or better machinery, not new organizations or more and novel methods, but men whom the Holy Ghost can use -- men of prayer, men mighty in prayer. The Holy Ghost does not flow through methods, but through men. He does not come on machinery, but on men. He does not anoint plans, but men -- men of prayer.” – **Edward Bounds**

“Time spent in prayer will yield more than that given to work. Prayer alone gives work its worth and its success. Prayer opens the way for God Himself to do His work in us and through us. Let our chief work as God’s messengers be intercession; in it we secure the presence and power of God to go with us.” — **Andrew Murray**

### 1 Peter 2:9–10 (ESV)

<sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

## 1 – BEING MISSIONAL IN PRAYER

Read the quote by Edward Bounds. **What is the main point of this statement and do you agree? Why is Edward speaking so strongly on this point? Is there an area in your life that need to come in line with this assertion?**

Read Andrew Murray’s quote. **How is prayer more productive than work? What is intercession and why is it important?**

Read Philippians 4:6-7. **What has been the connection between prayer and peace in your life? Is there something currently that you’re needing God to give you peace for?**

**Why is prayer so important for us as a church on mission together?**

## 2 – MOBILIZATION FROM AND THROUGH THE SPIRIT

Read 1 Peter 2:9-10. **What does it look like to “proclaim the excellencies”? Do we think of ourselves like priests? What is a priesthood of believers?**

**How do you see the Holy Spirit’s power in your life? When answering that question did you first start thinking about what the Holy Spirit has done for you or what it has enabled you to do for other people?**

**What is the purpose of the Holy Spirit in your life? Read Acts 1:8. How does the Holy Spirit empower and equip us all for ministry? Are we living in line with that purpose?**

Mike on Sunday said: *“The gathering of the church was never meant to be a weekly event, but a catalyst for mission.”* **Are we living missional lives? Why is it hard to be missional?**

## 3 – JESUS IS IN CHARGE

Read Ephesians 1:16-23. **What is the hope that he has called us to in v18? If we know that all things in this world are under Jesus’ feet, what does that make you want to see happen in this generation?**

**Why do we need to know our identity in Jesus to be used effectively?**

## Extra References:

### Hebrews 4:14–16 (ESV)

<sup>14</sup> Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

### Hebrews 10:19–22 (ESV)

<sup>19</sup> Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, <sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup> let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

### Ephesians 1:16–23 (ESV)

<sup>16</sup> I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup> that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, <sup>18</sup> having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup> and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might <sup>20</sup> that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup> And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

### Acts 1:6–9 (ESV)

<sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup> He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” <sup>9</sup> And when he had said these

things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

### Romans 8:16–17 (ESV)

<sup>16</sup> The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

*“I am no more a saint, no more a co-heir with Christ, have no more power or authority vested in me or available to me than someone who today give their heart to the Lord Jesus Christ.” – Mike Graves on Sunday*

### Romans 12:4–8 (ESV)

<sup>4</sup> For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup> so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. <sup>6</sup> Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; <sup>7</sup> if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; <sup>8</sup> the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.