

Growth Group Reflection Questions—June 6 – 12

1. Read our sermon passage, Colossians 1:9-12, and begin to focus on being in God's presence with God's people. Have someone pray that everyone's full attention would be fixed on God's Word.
2. The entertainment and news media often tell the lie that the Bible doesn't matter. In what TV shows, movies, news, and music have you have seen this terrible lie peddled to Americans?
3. Dave said that "prayer can do what God can do." What a great truth! How do you respond to this statement? Does your prayer life give evidence that you believe this truth?
4. In the message we learned a surprising fact: most prayers in the Bible are for *spiritual* needs. How do we keep a healthy balance in our prayer lives, by praying both for material *and* spiritual needs?
5. A worthy life has some distinct characteristics. Find each verse in your Bible and then discuss the four characteristics of a "worthy life" that Dave talked about:
 - A. Matthew 10:11
 - B. 2 Thessalonians 1:11
 - C. Acts 5:41
 - D. Philippians 1:27
6. The benefits of knowing and living our Bibles are numerous: we can:
 - live a life that is worthy of God
 - live a life that is fruitful and beneficial to others
 - live a life of power and patience, and
 - live a life of thankfulness.

Which ones of these benefits is one that you are most in need of in your life? Share around the circle in your growth group.



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The Bible Doesn't Matter

I. Some Introductory Insights.

For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you . . .

Colossians 1:9

A. Prayer can do what God can do_____.

B. Prayer can do what we can't do_____.

C. Most prayers in the Bible are for spiritual needs_____.

D. It can be dangerous to live without God's word_____.

. . . my people are destroyed from lack of knowledge. "Because you have rejected knowledge, I also reject you as my priests; because you have ignored the law of your God, I also will ignore your children."

Hosea 4:6

Brothers, stop thinking like children. In regard to evil be infants, but in your thinking be adults.

1 Corinthians 14:20

E. God's will is found in God's word_____.

II. Four Fantastic Benefits Of Knowing And Living God's Word.

A. By knowing and living the Bible you can live a life that is worthy of God and pleases God.

"Whatever town or village you enter, search for some worthy person there and stay at his house until you leave."

Matthew 10:11

With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may count you worthy of His calling, and that by His power He may fulfill every good purpose of yours and every act prompted by your faith.

2 Thessalonians 1:11

The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the name.

Acts 5:41

Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ . . . I know that you stand firm in one Spirit.

Philippians 1:27

B. By knowing and living the Bible you can live a life that is fruitful and beneficial to others.

But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Galatians 5:22 – 23a

C. By knowing and living the Bible you can live a life of power and patience.

. . . but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Isaiah 40:31

. . . being strengthened with all power according to His glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience . . .

Colossians 1:11

1. God's power gives us great endurance with difficult situations.

2. God's power gives us great patience with difficult people.

D. By knowing and living the Bible you can live a life of thankfulness.

. . . giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves . . .

Colossians 1:12 - 13