

## Sermon Audio Input

Full Msg. Title: "Praying to the Sovereign God"\*  
Short Ver. Title: Prayer 10  
Series Title\*: Prayer  
Text: Eph 1:15-23  
Key Words: Prayer

## Message Outline

### "Praying to the Sovereign God"\*

*Spiritual Reformation*, Chapter 10

#### I. Receiving from Paul on Prayer (Sermon)

- A. Thanksgiving in Light of God's Sovereignty
- B. Intercession in Light of God's Sovereignty
- C. Ruminating on God's Power

#### II. Receiving from from Each Other on Prayer (Community Discussion)

- A. What is the Value of Prayer, i.e. Why Pray?
- B. How are You Growing in Your Life of Prayer?
- C. What Questions Do You Have Regarding Prayer?

## Examine the Scriptures (Be Berean!)

Ephesians 1 - 3; Hebrews 10:19-25; Ephesians 4:11-16

## Consider & Discuss (Be Transformed!)

- "What are Paul's petitions in Ephesians 1? Summarize them in your own words. Do you regularly pray for such things? Why or why not? How can you improve in this respect?"\*
- "Of what relevance to your prayer life is the stunning conclusion to Paul's prayer, where he records the best analogy to the power he wants to see operating in every believer's life?"\*
- "What does this passage teach us about how to pray under the sovereignty of God?"\*
- **Community Group Discussion: Discuss the value of prayer, i.e., why should we pray? Share what you are learning about prayer, especially as we consider the prayers of the Apostle Paul.**

## Memory & Meditation Verse

<sup>15</sup> For this reason I too, having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus which *exists* among you and your love for all the saints, <sup>16</sup> do not cease giving thanks for you, while making mention of *you* in my prayers; <sup>17</sup> that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him. <sup>18</sup> *I pray that* the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup> and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. Eph 1:15 - 19a

## Community Life

- This Sunday: By participating in the discussion during the service, please encourage each other towards an individual and corporate prayer life that is all God intends it to be.
- Nurture your prayer life in community! Join us on Tuesdays for a bring-your-own lunch at our church meeting site or in the evenings in Salinas rotating between the Acaya and the Schwanz residences.

## Next Sunday

*Spiritual Reformation*, Ch. 11, "Praying for Power"\*; Eph 3:14-21

\*Titles, Discussion Questions and Outline Headings from D. A. Carson's *Spiritual Reformation*, Baker Book House, 1992.