

I. The Context of Evangelistic Prayer: Spiritual Warfare (6:10-17; Matt 6:10; Luke 12:49-53)

II. Why? The Critical Need for Evangelistic Prayer

A. Because Every Evangelist Needs God-Granted Boldness (6:19-20; Col 4:2-4)

B. Because Only God Grants the New Birth (John 3:5-8; 1 Cor 3:5-9; Eph 2:1, 5)

III. How? How to Pray for Evangelism

A. Pray at All Times in All Ways with All Perseverance for All the Saints (6:18; Luke 18:1)

B. Pray for Workers (Matt 9:37-38)

C. Pray for Boldness (6:19; Acts 4:29-31)

D. Pray for God's Spirit to Work (1:16-18; 3:14-19)

“In the gospel, because of Jesus’ death for us, we are accepted by grace. The only thing we bring to the table is our helplessness. In fact, if we try to bring our goodness, the gospel doesn’t work. Prayer works the same way. Jesus tells us to come helpless, ‘weary and heavy laden.’ So prayer isn’t a discipline but learned desperation. It’s not so much a mountain to climb as a valley to fall into. That’s something I can do.” —Paul Miller

“Jesus Christ taught his disciples to pray, healed people with prayers, denounced the corruption of the temple worship (which, he said, should be a ‘house of prayer’), and insisted that some demons could be cast out only through prayer. He prayed often and regularly with fervent cries and tears (Heb. 5:7), and sometimes all night. The Holy Spirit came upon him and anointed him as he was praying (Luke 3:21–22), and he was transfigured with the divine glory as he prayed (Luke 9:29). When he faced his greatest crisis, he did so with prayer. We hear him praying for his disciples and the church on the night before he died (John 17:1–26) and then petitioning God in agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. Finally, he died praying.” —Timothy Keller, *Prayer*, 27

Reflection and Application Questions (for personal reflection and family conversation):

1. What role does prayer play in evangelism?
2. How are you currently praying for evangelism? How will you pray differently in light of the sermon tonight?
3. How have you seen God answer prayers for evangelism?