

Unleashing the Power of Prayer - An Abounding Love

Scripture: Philippians 1:9-11

Also: Ephesians 1:17-19 (from two weeks ago), Ephesians 3:16-21 (from last week)

Discussion Questions

1. What has challenged you, changed you or confused you from this week's sermon or the Scriptures in it?
2. Once again in this week's sermon, we looked at another prayer from the New Testament.
 - o How did the focus on this week's prayer continue to grow your view own of prayer?
 - o How often do we focus on "abounding in love" as our primary prayer request?
3. In these verses from Philippians 1, abounding love (in knowledge and discernment) is the basis for approving things that are excellent, sincerity, and blamelessness.
 - o How do those 3 things connect to abounding love?
4. What is the fruit of righteousness (v. 11)?
5. Often churches measure themselves by numbers: attendance at worship services and the amount of the offering. What if churches looked not only at those numbers but also at the fruit of righteousness as the measure of success? Or at abounding love?
6. The motivation for prayer this week was the same as last week: the glory of God.
 - o Do you think it's possible to pray self-centered prayers? Why or why not?
 - o How can you know the difference?
 - o How does praying with a motivation for God's glory shift your communication with Him?

Pray these verse from Philippians 1:9-11 for yourself, for our church family, and for others