

## Suggested Resources

Below is a list of resources that will help you dig deeper into the topic preached about this morning. However, by recommending them, we are not giving a blanket endorsement to the author or every sentence you'll read. The only perfect person is Jesus and the only perfect book is the Bible so as you read these, practice discernment. In other words, "chew the meat and spit out the bones"!!!

- Mark Batterson - *Draw the Circle: A 40-Day Prayer Challenge* → this week's "Pastor's Pick"
- Priscilla Shirer - *Fervent: A Woman's Battle Plan to Serious, Specific and Strategic Prayer*
- Stephen Kendrick and Alex Kendrick - *The Battle Plan for Prayer: From Basic Training to Targeted Strategies*
- Mark Batterson - *The Circle Maker*
- *War Room* (movie)
- Dan Kopp - *Experiencing Lent* (handout)  
\*\*\*FREE copy available at the Info Center in the lobby\*\*\*

## Suggested Bibles

We teach from the Bible on Sundays and encourage you to read the Bible throughout the week. Here are a few recommended versions of it:

### Quest Study Bible

"The Question and Answer Bible."

### CSB Study Bible

The CSB Study Bible offers the award-winning Holman study system, which includes over 16,000 study notes, tools, word studies, and articles from respected Bible scholars.

### Teen Life Application Study Bible

includes sections explaining what the Bible has to say about the questions and issues teens face in the *Choices*, *I Wonder*, *Ultimate Issues*, and *My Story* features.

### Kids Quest Study Bible

contains over 500 questions that kids ask, "Quest Challenges" to help you apply what you read and more!

**Plus... be sure to stop by the Info Table in our lobby and pick up a FREE copy of our Bible Reading Plan... as well as a FREE Bible!**

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**P.R.A.Y.E.R.**

Week 0 of series: P.R.A.Y.E.R.

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**We want people to encounter God on Sundays and not just "go to church." That is why today's 75-minute service will include an in-depth Bible teaching, communion, worship (feel free to stand or sit as we sing), and an opportunity to receive 1-on-1 prayer.**

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# P.R.A.Y.E.R.

(Dan Kopp - lead pastor of The Eastside Vineyard Church)

Notes:

## Digging Deeper Questions

*In our fast-paced culture, it's easy to be impacted by the sermon you hear at church on Sunday... only to forget about it by Monday. To make this message "stick" we created these Digging Deeper Questions so you can process and apply what you heard at church. Take some time this week to go through these questions by yourself, in your small group, with a friend, your family, or your roommate.*

1. Icebreaker - By the time you go over these questions, Superbowl LII between the Patriots and Eagles will be in the history books. Which best describes your approach to the "Big Game": a) "I enjoy the commercials the most"; b) "I went to a Superbowl party for the fellowship"; c) "Don't talk to me while I am watching the game"; d) "Super-what? I did other things that night." Have fun with this question!
2. Is there anything you heard in this week's sermon or experienced in this week's service that was an "a ha" moment, something significant for you?
3. Who is someone you would call a "prayer warrior"? It could be a person you know, a character in the Bible, or a Christian you have read or heard about. What do you admire about his or her prayer life?
4. How would you best describe the "temperature" of your prayer life right now: subzero, cold, lukewarm, hot, or boiling? Explain.
5. Read Ephesians 6:18. What would it look like to be more serious about prayer... to be more specific about prayer... to be more strategic about prayer?
6. Read Ephesians 6:12 and 1 Peter 5:8-9. Because of verses like those, it has been said: "Prayer is not preparation for the battle. It IS the battle!" What are your thoughts on this perspective?
7. Read Joshua 6:1-5. In *The Circle Maker* Mark Batterson writes, "What is your Jericho? Jericho is spelled in many different ways. If you have cancer, it's spelled *healing*. If your child is far from God, it's spelled *salvation*. If your marriage is falling apart it's called *reconciliation*. If you have a vision beyond your resources, it's called *provision*. But whatever it is, you have to spell it out . . . Is there some dream that God wants to resurrect? Is there some promise you need to reclaim? Is there some miracle you need to start believing for again?"
  - What stood out to you from Batterson's quote?
  - How would you answer the last three questions he asks?
8. Regardless of how you answered Question 4, imagine what your life would look like if your prayer temperature was at the boiling point. What impact would that have at home, at work, as you drive, at church, at Meijer, and in how you spend your free time? Be specific.

**Action Step:** if you are answering these questions on your own, please join a small group during our all-church initiative! See Page 2 of *The Eastsider* newsletter you received at church for a list of groups you could join. Or e-mail Ann Beyerlein at [annbeyer@aol.com](mailto:annbeyer@aol.com) and she'll help you get connected into one!

### Key Passage:

*One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples." - Luke 11:1 (NIV)*