

Suggested Resources

Below is a list of resources that will help you dig deeper into the topic preached about this morning:

- Mark Batterson - *Draw the Circle: A 40-Day Prayer Challenge*
- 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)

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
- CSB Study Bible
- Teen Life Application Study Bible
- Kids Quest Study Bible

Digging Even Deeper

Here are some additional questions for personal reflection:

1. When it comes to the prayer categories (the people, places, and things you could pray about), which do you rarely, if ever, pray for? Be honest.
 - yourself
 - key relationships
 - your “enemies”
 - non-believers
 - our church
 - your neighborhood or city
 - our country
 - the world

Note: this question isn't intended to make you feel bad, but instead to help you establish your baseline when it comes to prayer.

2. Of all of the people, places, and things you could pray about (listed in Question 1), which ones do you feel a true burden to pray for?
3. Read Matthew 7:7-11. When it comes to the people and circumstances that you feel burdened to pray for, if you knew that God would answer your prayers, what specific things would you ask Him to do?
4. Look over the list of Suggested Resources above. Which resource(s) might you buy as we are beginning our 40 day journey of P.R.A.Y.E.R in order to increase your “Prayer IQ”— not just so you can acquire more head knowledge about prayer, but so you will be inspired to pray more?

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What Is Your Jericho?

Week 1 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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What Is Your Jericho?

(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 - Think back to when you were a kid. Did you pray as a family? If yes, when did you pray — every night at dinner, at just the big holiday dinners, every night before bed, or some other time? Were you ever taught why you prayed when you did? 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. This week, we are beginning our journey in the church-wide P.R.A.Y.E.R. series! Take a few minutes and reflect over your expectations for the next six weeks. Why did you say yes to joining this small group? What are you most looking forward to over the next 6 weeks, both in the sermons on Sundays and here in the group?
4. In *The Battle Plan for Prayer*, Stephen and Alex Kendrick write, "Prayer is a beautiful, mysterious, and awe-inspiring gift. There is no greater privilege for anyone to be able to personally talk with and speak into the ears of the Almighty God. . . . and there is no greater legacy we could embrace or leave behind us than one of faithfulness in prayer . . . No church program or event can trump the awesome power of what God can do in response to the prayers of His people. What would happen if believers and churches today followed the great people of the Bible and Christian history and began to pray powerfully and effectively? What might God do through us? Through you?" What phrases or thoughts from the Kendrick brothers resonate with you the most? Do you tend to think of prayer as a "beautiful, mysterious, and awe-inspiring gift"? Why or why not?
5. Read Genesis 1:26-27. In the passage, the word male is translated from the Hebrew word *zakar*, which means "the remembering one." Adam was a remembering one, and so are we! We are created to remember both the words of God and the works of God. So let's do it: share about a time when you prayed about something that really mattered in your life and God answered it in an incredible way. Then reflect: why is it important to remember your own personal history with God?
6. Read Ephesians 6:18 (preferably in the Amplified Bible translation). Who are some people or what are some circumstances in your life that you realize you need to pray for in serious, specific, and strategic ways? Within this small group, feel free to answer in a general way (for example, "I need to pray for a key relationship"). For further reflection, the Digging *Even* Deeper Questions will offer you an opportunity to answer in a much more detailed way.

Key Passage:

Now Jericho was strongly fortified because of the Israelites — no one leaving or entering. The Lord said to Joshua, "Look, I have handed Jericho, its king, and its best soldiers over to you. March around the city with all the men of war, circling the city one time. Do this for six days.

Joshua 6:1-3 (CSB)

Reminder: there are Digging *Even* Deeper Questions on the back of this program for extended personal reflection and NOT group discussion.