

## Suggested Resources

Below is a list of resources that will help you dig deeper into the topic preached about this morning. However, while we recommend them, we do not necessarily agree with or endorse every word on every page. 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 - *The Circle Maker* ➔ This week's "Pastor's Pick"
- Philip Yancey - *Prayer: Does It Make Any Difference?*
- Max Lucado - *Before Amen*
- C. S. Lewis - *God in the Dock*
- Dallas Willard - *The Divine Conspiracy*

## 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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## Jesus the Prayer Warrior

Week 3 of Series: Jesus the \_\_\_\_\_

November 26, 2017

**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.**

# Jesus the Prayer Warrior

(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: A *Charlie Brown Christmas* is scheduled to air on ABC this coming Thursday night. Think back to when you were a kid. What were some "Christmas specials" you loved watching on TV? 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. Read Mark 1:35 and Luke 5:16. In *Prayer: Does It Make Any Difference?* Philip Yancey writes: "After surveying Jesus' practice of prayer, I realize that His example does answer one important question about prayer: Does it matter? When doubts creep in and I wonder whether prayer is a sanctified form of talking to myself, I remind myself that the Son of God, who had spoken worlds into being and sustains all that exists, felt a compelling need to pray. He prayed as if it made a difference, as if the time he devoted to prayer mattered every bit as much as the time he devoted to caring for people." What are your thoughts on Yancey's perspective?
4. How much have you struggled with these "barriers to prayer" on your spiritual journey:
  - Sovereignty – "Hasn't God already determined what He is going to do?"
  - Goodness - "If God is good, won't He always do what is best anyway?"
5. In *The Divine Conspiracy* Dallas Willard writes, "God's 'response' to our prayers is not a charade. He does not pretend that He is answering our prayer when He is only doing what He was going to do anyway. Our requests really do make a difference in what God does or does not do. The idea that everything would happen exactly as it does regardless of whether we pray or not is a specter that haunts the minds of many who sincerely profess belief in God. It makes prayer psychologically impossible, replacing it with dead ritual at best." What are your thoughts on this quote?
6. How powerful do you think prayer is... really? Be honest!
7. Read 2 Kings 20:1-6. What do you think would have happened if Hezekiah didn't pray? Would he have lived 15 years longer anyway? Explain.
8. How powerful do you think Hezekiah thought prayer was after the incident in 2 Kings 20?
9. John Wesley (founder of the Methodist denomination) famously said: "God does nothing except in response to believing prayer."
  - Do you agree or disagree? Why?
  - How different would your prayer life be if you believed that quote was true, that God wouldn't do ANYTHING except as a response to our prayers?

### Key Passage:

***Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, He got up, went out, and made His way to a deserted place; and there He was praying.***

**- Mark 1:35 (CSB)**