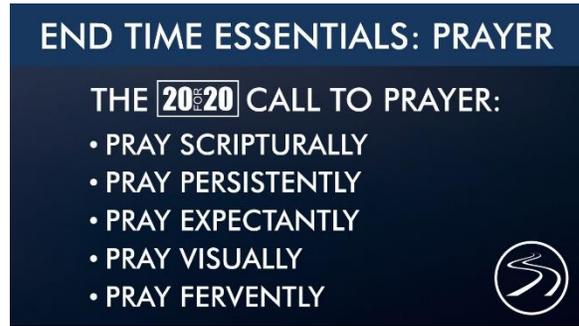


End Time Essentials: Prayer October 18, 2020 Discussion Notes

Everyone is encouraged to bring a Bible

(Phone apps are good for reading together in the same translation. Study Bibles give help with interpretation.)



Questions:

1. What are some things that make prayer difficult for you? Discuss with your group.
2. Review the points in the outline above. What stood out to you in the sermon? Do you have any questions about it?
3. Read Daniel 9:1-23
 - a) What did Daniel come to understand in the first year of the reign of Darius? (9:1-2)
 - b) What did Daniel's study of the Scripture lead him to do? (9:3)
 - c) What was the nature of Daniel's prayer? (9:4-6)
 - d) According to Daniel's prayer, what are some of the differences between God and Israel? (9:7-10)
 - e) Why had so much disaster come upon Israel? (9:11-14)
 - f) What things does Daniel base his requests on? (9:15-19)
 - g) Who came to Daniel while he was praying? (9:20-21)
 - h) What was Gabriel's purpose in visiting Daniel? (9:22)
 - i) Why did Daniel receive such a prompt answer to his prayer? (9:23)
4. Going deeper
 - a) Why is confession of sin an important part of prayer? (see 1 John 1:9)
 - b) In his prayer, Daniel declares God's righteousness. Why is this important? (see Matthew 6:9)
 - c) Daniel bases his appeal on God's promises (9:2, 9:4), God's mercy (9:9, 9:18), and God's glory (9:17, 9:19). How can we incorporate this approach into our own prayers?
5. What do you think about the 20for20 Call to Prayer (20 minutes of prayer each day for 20 days starting on October 22)? Is this something you and/or your family can commit to participate in?
6. Following the example of Daniel's prayer, pray together for our nation and world. Pray for the Christian church in America and all over the world. And pray for any specific needs in your group.