

"STRONGER - FOUNDATION" Jan 11 - 12, 2020 // Tyler Scott, CPC Senior Pastor

INTRODUCTION

Stronger is a series that will inspire you to intentionally strive to be STRONGER in key areas of your life. One area of your life that may have the *most* potential to change every other area is your prayer life. The big idea is that, "We must build a foundation of extraordinary prayer." If you missed either of the first two weeks of the Stronger series, check them out at <u>www.cpcdanville.org/media</u>

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. List some of the greatest obstacles to having an active and consistent prayer life. What are the greatest challenges you face to building a stronger prayer life?
 - **Read Luke 11:1-4**. What do you notice about Jesus' disciples? What do you think motivated the request for instructions about how to pray? How does Jesus' response encourage you as you seek a stronger prayer life?
 - **Read Luke 11:5-10**. What different characters do you see in the story? What is the point of the story? What surprises you about Jesus' response?
 - **Read Luke 11:11-13**. What is Jesus' point? How does God feel about our requests and prayers? How do Jesus' words impact how you feel about prayer?

2. **#1 Benefit of Prayer: PRAYER INVITES THE PRESENCE OF GOD.**

• **Read Ephesians 1:15-19.** Paul rarely prays about circumstances and instead he prays that the people will know God more deeply. What surprises you about Paul's focus in prayer? How does this differ from your typical focus in prayer?

3. **#2 Benefit of Prayer: PRAYER UNITES THE PEOPLE OF GOD.**

• **Read Psalm 133.** Why might God have designed prayer to unite people? What might God's purpose be in uniting people together in prayer both one to one as well as large groups?

4. **#3 Benefit of Prayer: PRAYER EXCITES THE POWER OF GOD.**

• **Read Luke 11:8.** What does "shameless persistence [or audacity]" mean? How can you apply this verse to your own life? Do you have any examples of how you have seen God work through prayer?

5. Build a Stronger Foundation: TAKE YOUR NEXT STEP TODAY!

• What can you do today to take the next step in growing a stronger prayer life?

CHALLENGE

By God's grace we can have a stronger foundation built on prayer. COMMIT TO TAKING 1 PRACTICAL NEXT STEP to growing a stronger prayer life. Join us next week as we talk about having a STRONGER FAMILY!

COMMIT TO MEMORY

So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. **Luke 11:9-10**

PRAY FOR EACH OTHER

Share prayer requests, and commit to praying for one another until you next meet.