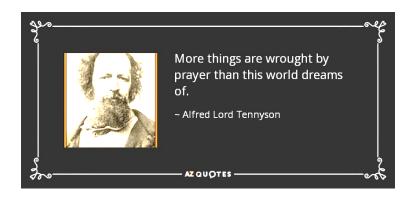
Core Value #2: Prayer is the Primary Work of the People of God – Take 2 Philippians 4:6-7

October 15, 2023

Sermon Sketch: When we work, we work. When we pray – God works. Our work is to pray...

- How have world events this past week brought into clarity our need to go now into the hard places? 0 (Krista Ellenberger, Now to the Hard Places, 10/8/23)
- 2) Throughout your life, would you say you have been working "hard" or working "smart" or both?
- 3) What things are you presently "anxious" about? Are you a "worrier" or do you generally trust God through the hard times? How meaningful is it to you that we are encouraged to "cast" our anxiety on to the Lord because He cares for us (1 Peter 5:7)?
- 4) Have you ever memorized Philippians 4:6-7? Would you be willing to try to now?
- 5) What is your present prayer life like? Do you generally pray in the morning or the evening? Do you take time to pray frequently through out the day?
- 6) Have your most significant times of prayer been while you are alone or when you have been praying with others? Or a bit of both?
- 7) Are you comfortable praying out loud? Are you comfortable praying out loud in front of others? Do

- you agree that there is something powerful about praying out loud? As a blessing for yourself and as a declaration against the enemy?
- 8) How have you been recently experiencing God's peace? In what ways does it go beyond your comprehension?
- 9) 1 Samuel 3 recounts the call of Samuel under the tutelage of Eli. Have you ever invited God to speak to you directly? Is the prospect of God speaking to you at all scary? How might you develop your ability to enter into "listening" prayer?
- 10) Who do you know who is a bona fide prayer warrior? Would you be willing to ask them to spend time praying with you?
- 11) How might our earnest prayers change our world?



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