



Sermon series: I Pray For...
Text: Ephesians 1:15-23
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Praying for Hope

Big Idea: We pray from hope, in hope, and for hope.

From Hope: We pray from the hope that God can _____ what we can't _____. (vs.15-16)

1. Prayer springs from the hope that God is really able to change _____.
2. Prayer springs from the hope that God will continue to change _____.

In Hope: We pray for what we think is _____. (vs. 17)

1. The Bible should shape our _____ in praying.
2. Our greatest priority should be knowing _____.

For Hope: We pray to _____ and _____ truths that would fill us with hope. (vs.18-23)

1. Pray that we might see and know what the _____ because of Jesus.
2. Pray that we might see and know how great _____ for us is in Jesus.
3. Pray that we might see and know the _____ that's available to us through Jesus.

What are some of your practices in praying? What has helped you as you seek to pray?

Who is someone who you have learned from as you have heard or watched their example in praying?

Does prayer more often feel like a duty or privilege to you? What can you do to remind yourself of the privilege that prayer is?



What are some of the things you most often pray for or about? What do your prayers reveal about your priorities and what you believe is most important?

What is something you want to see God do in you during the week of Life Action? What's something you want to see him do in Keystone Church as a whole? Make it a goal to pray for these things leading up to that week.

When has the hope of heaven been most real and sweet in your life? What effect has it had on your life?

What's an area in your life that you need to see through the lens of God's resources and not just your own?

When do you struggle to believe in God's care for you? What can you pray in those moments that can help remind you of how great is care is for you?

Try using Ephesians 1:15-23 as a launching point for praying. Take a moment and with each phrase or sentence turn it into a source of praising God, thanking God, and praying to him on behalf of yourself and others.

- *For more on what this looks like check out this video from Donald Whitney*
<https://equip.sbts.edu/video/can-improve-prayer-life/>