

Persevering Prayer #1 - Life Group Questions

1. Would you be willing to share 1-2 things (people, situations) that have been heavy on your heart and/or that you have been consistently praying for?
2. Scott stated that if we have a wrong view of God it will cause us to struggle to persevere in our prayer lives. Do you agree that this is the case? Are there some ways that you have seen this to be true in your life?
3. Read Colossians 1:15-20. What are some of your thoughts on the picture given here of the power and love of God? Do you find yourself struggling to fully believe in one of these aspects of God more than the other? Why do you think that is?
4. Read Mark 5:21-24 and 5:35-36. What stands out to you in this story? The people who came with the news of the death of Jairus' daughter most likely believed that they were simply delivering the facts...it was too late. But Jesus said the story wasn't over. Are there any stories that you thought were over that maybe God is telling you to be praying for? If you're comfortable...please share them.
5. Scott had said to find some verses that you can stand on when times of discouragement come. Do you already have some verses that serve you in that way? What are 1-2 of them? If not, what are some areas in your life that you need to find some Scripture to help encourage you?
6. In the first half of Psalm 9:10 the author says that those who know God's name trust in Him. There is a correlation between knowing God and trusting God. How do you think we can grow in our knowledge of God in a way that brings greater trust?

It would be a great idea to take some time to pray over one another for some of the things that have been shared...specifically where people are struggling to see God rightly and/or the situations where people feel strongly called to consistently pray. Take some time to pray for and encourage each other in those areas.