

Discussion Questions for sermon given on 2/07/2016

Sermon Title: **Why Pray?**

1. Read John 16:24. What does Jesus tell his disciples to do here? What does Jesus say the result will be if they do this?
2. Why do you think some people do not describe their prayer life as joyful?
3. How might Revelation 3:20 relate to Jesus' invitation given in John 16:24?
4. What does 1 Thessalonians 5:17 command us to do? Is it really possible to do this? Explain.
5. What are some ways we can be praying continually?
6. What does James say about prayer in James 4:2?
7. What difference might it make in your prayer life if you were convinced that your prayers actually accomplished something? Why do you think some people doubt their prayers are doing anything?
8. According to John 14:13, what is another reason to pray? How does Matthew 6:9 relate to this.
9. How do you think God is glorified when we pray?
10. Think back over the reasons to pray given in this sermon: Prayer brings us joy, we are commanded to pray, prayer causes things to happen, and God is glorified when you pray. Which one of these reasons is most motivates your prayer-life? Explain why you think that is?
11. What is one thing you could do that would help you be more consistent in your prayer life this week?