

## **BOLD COURSE: TEACH US TO PRAY 2**

### **Praying Without Ceasing & The Content of Our Prayers: Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication & Intercession**

Why this course?

Prayer is our birthright as Christians, but we are often not so good at it

### **Matthew 6 – Jesus’s teaching on prayer:**

How *not* to pray –

to be seen by men;

with vain repetition

How to pray –

*Our Father, in heaven*

### **Unceasing Prayer (Eph 6:18-20, I Th 5:17)**

*There is no way that Christians in a private capacity can do so much to promote the work of God and advance the kingdom of Christ, as by prayer.* Jonathan Edwards

Phil 4:6-7, Ro 1:9, 12:12, Eph 1:16, Col 1:9, 4:2, I Th 1:2, 2:3, 3:10 2 Tim 1:3

*“I put a few words of prayer between everything I do.”* Charles Spurgeon

*Prayer is more than a slot in our schedule; it is the reflex of our hearts, the aroma of our waking hours.* John Piper

How do we get to the place where we pray without ceasing?

Maintain a regular scheduled prayer closet

Hide the Word of God in your heart

Remember who is with you

Be aware of who/what is against you

It is for this that you were created

## **The content (and priority) of the prayer of disciples (ACTS)**

### **Adoration**

*Hallowed be your name*

### **Confession**

Psalm 32:1-5, 1 John 1:9

### **Thanksgiving**

1 Chr 16:8, Ps 106:1, 107:8-9, Phil 4: 6-7, 1 Th 5:18

What are we to be thankful for?

Creation, God's Word, Faith, Love, Salvation, Prayer itself,  
Family, Daily problems, Suffering, Inadequacies

### **Supplication (Petitions)**

It's ACTS not SCAT!

### **Intercession**

*Our Father, give us, forgive us, deliver us*

James 5:16: *pray for one another*

## **The Priority of Prayer in the Early Church**

Matthew 21:13

Acts 1:14

Acts 2:42

Acts 4:31

Acts 6:4

Acts 12:5

Acts 12:12

Acts 13:3

Acts 14:23

Acts 16:25