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**Sermon Title: Why Should I Care About Prayer?**

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**Scripture text(s): John 15:7-8**

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- 1) Read Mark 1:35. What did Jesus regularly make time for?
- 2) Why is prayer the foundation of kingdom success?
- 3) Read John 15:7-8. In verse 7, why is it important to know that we are the receivers?
- 4) From verses 7-8, why do we ask? What is one of the results of prayer?
- 5) How did Richard define the fruit we bear?
- 6) What is another thing to ask for from verses 7-8? Who is glorified?
- 7) What attitude does the world have toward God? Knowing this, how can you pray for the world?
- 8) Prayer is the fuel of everything we do. How do you connect the supernatural to the material?
- 9) Read James 5:17-18 and 1 Kings 18:37-39. What role did prayer play in Elijah's life and in the people seeing God's glory? From 1 Kings 18:37-39, how can you adopt Elijah's attitude?
- 10) Read Isaiah 62:7. What does this look like lived out? How would this attitude change our own hearts?
- 11) "To clasp the hands in prayer is the beginning of an uprising against the disorder of the world."--Karl Barth. Discuss this quote. What vision do you get from it?
- 12) In John 15:7, what is the qualification for successful prayer? What role does God's Word play in this?
- 13) What is the purpose of praying during times of suffering and pain?
- 14) "Our joy doesn't spring from Jesus getting us what we want, but Jesus being what we want."--Jon Bloom (along with John 15:7) How do we handle an answer to prayer that seems opposite to what we were praying? How does this build our faith and trust in the Lord?
- 15) Colossians 4:2 talks about praying without ceasing. What does it mean to pray without ceasing? Discuss times in your life when this has been your heart attitude and focus?

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16) "Through prayer, we turn every burden into "help me", every pleasure into "thank you", every temptation into "deliver me", and every opportunity for obedience into "strengthen me".!-- Scott Hubbard. How do you pray? If we prayed with fervency, how would our lives change?