



Allegheny Center
ALLIANCE CHURCH
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WORSHIP GROW SERVE SHARE

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Sermon Title: The Power of Persistent Prayer

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Scripture: Luke 18:1-8 NLT

1. **Persistent** prayer should be a discipline in the life of every Christ follower.
2. As we pray, we recognize the **character** of God.
3. We serve a God who is **attentive** to every detail of our life.
4. As we pray, we discover our **identity** as His chosen people.
5. We are God's **children, adopted** into His family, and made fully **alive** in him.
6. Jesus **illustrates** to us how we should pray.
7. God's people are to pray **continually**. [1 Thessalonians 5:17]
8. God's people are to pray "**Thy kingdom come.**"
9. As we pray, our **faith** grows.
10. **God's Word** is the engine that drives our faith and **prayer** is the fuel that enables us to endure.
11. Persistent **kingdom** prayers empower our faith and sustain us as we wait.

Growth Group Questions

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PRE-GAME

1. Now that Christmas is over, what's something you're looking forward to?
2. Do you think it's possible to pray continually? Why or why not?

KICK-OFF

1. What are the primary obstacles in your life that hinder your ability to pray more?
2. Are you content or satisfied with your current prayer life? Why or why not?
3. What's something that you're "persistently" praying for currently?
4. Share about a time when God answered your persistent prayers.
5. What did you find most challenging, helpful, or inspiring in the sermon today and why?

THE PLAYBOOK

Read some of the passages below and discuss any insights into today's message.

- 1 Thessalonians 5:17
- Ephesians 1:5
- 1 John 5:14

PRACTICE / FILM STUDY

- If time permits, break into groups of 3 and pray for each other.
- What are some practical steps you can take in order to enhance or expand your prayer life? Are there some things you need to stop doing in order to create adequate space? If so, what are they?
- Spend some time with God to document a strategy, or develop a daily/weekly schedule to spend more time with Him in prayer. Look for opportunities throughout your day to substitute prayer for other nonessential activities or behaviors.