

Series: Colossians
Sermon: Praying Under Pressure
September 16, 2018

1. Why do you pray?

- A. I want to tell God things about my life.
- B. I want to spend time with God.
- C. I need help from God.
- D. I pray to influence God's Will.

2. What/Who tends to be the focus of your prayers?

3. Have you ever prayed a big prayer? Have you ever prayed a small prayer? Give an example of each.

4. How can God change our mind through prayer?

5. Gallup Research stated that 98% of people pray. 28% did not believe in God. Why would someone pray who doesn't believe in God?

6. Read Colossians 1:3-8.

- A. Who do you need to thank God for that you know?
- B. Who do you need to thank God for that you don't know?
- C. As a group, take time to pray for these two groups.

7. Read Colossians 1:9-14.

- A. Why is this prayer considered a "big"?
- B. What does it mean to "continually seek God's Will"?

C. What are the outcomes (10-12) for a Jesus follower of praying “big” prayers?

8. Share your thoughts on the following statement: “Prayer is not about changing the mind of God, but changing my mind.”

9. As a group pray for the following:

A. Ask God to fill you with the knowledge of His will.

B. Ask God to fill you with spiritual wisdom.

C. Ask God for the courage to live your life according to His will.