



DESPERATE PRAYER

“God responds to desperate prayer”

Connect:

- If you had a time machine that would only work once, at what point in the future or history would you want to visit and why?
- Take some time and talk about this past week? Challenges? Blessings? Have you started to hold each other accountable to reading your Bible and attending Shift Church between now and Easter? If not, create a plan to do so. Build each other up!

Grow:

- **Big Idea: God responds to desperate prayer.**
- Refer to the visual below as you discuss these questions.
- Share some examples of desperation in your life. Are you experiencing the tension of having to choose between comfort and a greater dependency on God? Did you know that prayer is a tool God gives us to seek him in the middle of this desperation?
- Read Jeremiah 29:8-14. What stands out to you in this passage? How have you bought into the lie that comfort should be your goal? Has this series challenged you to rethink your goal, and if so, in what way?
- Talk about your struggles with trusting how God will answer your desperate prayers? Do you find comfort in the words from Jeremiah that God has a good plan for you, so when you boldly and desperately pray and seek Him, you will find Him, and you can trust Him?
- Read Matthew Chapter 26:39. What word(s) stands out to you in this passage? Take the challenge to start praying “yet” prayers. As you pray desperately to your Father in heaven, share your wants and desires, but make your prayer a “yet” prayer. Example: Father, I want “fill in the blank”, **YET**, I ultimately want your will done in my life. *Desperate prayer is a faith stretching activity.* It is us saying to God, “this is what I want (comfort), yet more than that, I want what you want for me.” Desperate prayer will grow your faith.
- There are less questions in this week’s devotional because we want to stretch you as a group and we are asking you to start praying desperately today. Take the next 15-30 minutes and pray

desperately as a group. Pray for each other, pray for yourselves, pray for your family, pray for your church, pray for this city.

**Go:**

- Pastor Tony challenged us to pray desperately each and every day between now and Easter for at least 10 minutes. Share your plans with each other about how you are going to accomplish this. What are you looking forward to as you begin to pray desperately?
- Show up for the weekend service this next Sunday.
- Attend the week 4 growth track this next Sunday.
- Continue to read you Bible daily. Become desperate for God's word in your lives.
- Serve together by helping out with the upcoming kettle corn ministry opportunities.  
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