

Pray Like Moses! – Exodus 17:8-16

Message Discussion Guide

Discover

- Which statement or experience stood out to you from the worship service?
- Read Exodus 17:8-11.
 - Why didn't Moses, Aaron, and Hur engage directly in the battle and fight the Amalekites?
 - What lessons can we learn from the connection between what happened in the battle when Moses held up his hand and what happened when Moses let his hand fall?
 - What does the fact that Moses' hands grew tired teach us about prayer?
- Read Exodus 17:12-15.
 - How do the actions of Aaron and Hur help us better understand prayer?
 - Why did Moses name the altar, The Lord is my Banner? What does that mean?
- Read Daniel 10:12, James 4:2, Psalm 118:5, Matthew 7:7.
 - What is the repeated promise of these passages?
 - In what ways is this promise surprising?
- Read 1 Samuel 12:23.
 - How is a failure to pray a sin against the Lord?
 - What does a failure to pray say about our heart toward the Lord?
 - What does a failure to pray say about our trust in the Lord?

Respond

- How would you respond to someone who says prayer is a waste of time and energy?
- What are some specific steps you can take to improve the intensity and consistency of your prayer life?

Bonus for Thinkers

- Why did the Lord choose to use Moses' hands held high as a symbol for prayer?