



## The REPLY Edition #017

Welcome to The REPLY #017.

This week we're continuing our "In God We Trust" series with a message on prayer.

### **"In God We Trust: Prayer" Summary**

- Prayer is both a thermostat and thermometer when it comes to our trust in God - we pray because we trust God, and we trust God because we pray
- Our goal for today: To decide to begin or pursue a deeper prayer-life
- God rewards those who seek and trust Him (Matthew 6:33, Hebrews 11:6)... Truly the greatest reward is knowing and experiencing Him more in our lives
- Philippians 4:4-9
- 4 things this passage teaches us about prayer:
  1. **Turn negative moments into triggers for prayer** - trouble leads us one way or another
  2. **Prayer and praise go hand in hand** - praise is the front-door of our relationship with God
  3. **Prayer is 2-way communication** - wait, listen and receive from God as we pray
  4. **Our thought-life and prayer-life are closely related** - turning our thoughts to God in any given moment is a habit of prayer
- 2 practical ways we can cultivate a deeper prayer-life & trust in God:
  1. Sunday 9:30am Prayer Meeting whenever we gather as a church
  2. Join the 11:02 Prayer Movement and receive reminders to pray at 11:02am Monday - Friday

### **Devotions / Discussion Starters**

Recommended readings: Philippians 4:4-9

#### **Questions to consider:**

- Prayer looks different for everybody. What patterns or principles have you applied that have helped you to grow and deepen your prayer-life in the past?
- What would pursuing a deeper prayer-life mean for you in this season of your life?
- Thinking honestly about the last few challenges or negative moments you've experienced... Were those triggers to turn to God in prayer, or did you turn to striving, worry, anxiety?
- How do you receive from God in prayer?
- What is the biggest challenge you encounter whenever you try to go deeper in your practice of prayer?
- Looking at these verses, how do they challenge your current prayer life?

#### **Prayer Points:**

- For the new people and families God has drawn to newHope. That they would experience deeper community and growth in their own faith.
- For locals who don't know Jesus. That God would give us a boldness and passion for the lost like never before.
- For Kellyville Public School's application for a 2nd chaplain to be approved.
- For unity within the church as we seek to continue to grow and pursue God's plan for us.
- Spend some time praying for local, national and global issues as the Holy Spirit leads or prompts you.