



Praying Without Ceasing

- What is something that stuck out to you from last Sunday's teaching?
- Everyone Answer: What is something that you've had to practice at to get better or are currently practicing?
 - What makes you want to get better at whatever it is that you are practicing?
 - What about normal life stuff? How do you practice being a dad, or a husband, or a friend?
 - Have you ever heard the phrase, "Practice what you preach"? What does that mean?
 - Have you ever decided to NOT do something simply because you didn't want to practice at it?
 - How do you practice being a Christian?
- Read 1 Thessalonians 5:16
 - Is there anything at all in your life that you consciously do without ceasing? Is this even possible?
 - What are your thoughts on how to pray unceasingly?
 - Respond to this statement on this passage:

"This subsection of the letter appears to be about worship in the broadest sense. Worship may happen when Christians gather in one of their houses, where someone teaches. Or it may occur as they work in their shops, cultivating an awareness of God as they "pray continually". Worship is about being open to God at every moment."
 - How can you be more open to/aware of God's presence at every moment?
 - In his teaching, Pastor Jon taught us that this passage doesn't necessarily mean that we are on our knees talking to Jesus all day long. Rather, it means we are to *exist* in prayer. What do you think it means to exist in prayer?
- Read John 15:4-5
 - What is the definition of abide? *To act in accordance with*
 - What are things in your life that you act in accordance with? Laws? Dress Codes? Marriage?
 - With this definition in mind, what do you think Jesus meant when he taught us to abide in him as he abides in us?
 - Practically, how do you abide in Jesus everyday?