



Series: Everyone Gets to Play	Reference: Ephesians 4:11-13 / Acts 4:13 / John 11:1 / Luke 22:42 / Galatians 3:8	Title: Everyone Gets To Play	Date: 09.30.18
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Community Group Questions

Take time to pray through the Six:Eight Prayer Foci for 2018/19

*If the Holy Spirit gives anyone a specific word for the church
share them with the other Community Group Leaders.*

1. **FREEDOM:** Pray against spiritual attack on our church body & it's members, so that kingdom ministry goes unhindered.
2. **SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION:** Pray we'd abide in the Presence of Christ, honoring the Word & Spirit of God, being transformed & becoming more effective in witness. That we'd be drawn deeply into worship & prayer in powerful ways this year.
3. **LEADERSHIP:** Pray for leadership to be filled with the knowledge of the Word & power of the Spirit, operating out of the two as gracious strong servant leaders.
4. **MINISTRIES:** For all 8 church ministries to run smoothly, having all current & future resources provided for them to thrive (*Kids, Community Groups, Kingdom Opportunities, Stewardship, Impressions, Worship Arts, Prayer, Missions*).
5. **LOCAL EVANGELISM:** That we'd preach the Word boldly & minister in the power of the Spirit to see people come to faith & publicly declare that through baptism. - for divine openings with neighbors, coworkers, friends & Community Partners.
6. **CROSS-CULTURAL MISSION:** To be a '*House of Prayer for all Nations*' (Isaiah 56:7), obedient to the Great Commission (Mt 28:18-20), overflowing to our Kinship Network relationships reaching Arab world Muslims, and other mission endeavors of the church.
7. **GIVING:** Pray that we'd be stretched in faithful giving of our financial resources in order not to be hindered in our kingdom ministry as a church.

Study Questions

Eph. 4:11-13, ¹¹So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors & teachers, ¹²to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³until we all reach unity in the faith & in the knowledge of the Son of God & become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

1. What does v13 really mean to you? What does that kind of life look like? Describe that person, are you being brought into this kind of kingdom-life?
2. Whose life is compelling to you? Who are your models you look to in the kingdom-life?
 1. People, authors, speakers, Biblical characters, historical figures?
3. Do you feel you've had someone who has 'trained' you? Either directly or from afar (such as an author)? Have you ever spent time with someone who's shown you the ropes of kingdom-life & ministry? What did they do? How did you learn from & imitate them?
4. Does the idea of asking someone, "Can I pray for you right now?" after listening to something in their life, and feeling the prompting to pray for them scare you? Either someone close to you or in a chance encounter while about your daily life? Have you ever done so? If so, what was the result? If not, would you be willing to try this once?
5. In Luke 22:42 Jesus is facing the cross. He prays, "*Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.*"
 1. In the Christian life, like Jesus, we must become willing to give it all away. To live the way of the cross ourselves.
 2. What was your reaction to the story of Stanley Albert Dale in Irian Jaya? Are stories like that encouraging to you? Or daunting?
6. How has or is your life being reordered as you spend time in the presence of Jesus?
 1. Consider 2 Corinthians 9:8 in answering the above question - what again, does this kind of person look like internally & externally?