

Apprentices in the way of Jesus must become masters of quadrant two because Jesus will never coerce us into doing anything, including prayer or worship. Formation in the way of Jesus will require Big Rock intention. Because if you don't get the Big Rocks in first, you'll never get them in later. The other quadrants will swallow up quadrant two. Might a reduction in quadrant four make room for quadrant two activities? Discuss what that might look like.

Persistent Prayer

"Wesley rediscovered what the church of his day had forgotten: prayer releases the power of God. He called prayer 'the grand means of drawing near to God' and found believing, persistent prayer to be the necessary first step to see God move. He modeled this conviction by devoting at least two hours a day to personal prayer and made fervent prayer a hallmark of the movement" (John Ross). Talk about a time when you persisted in prayer. Talk about a time when you prayed "fervently."

John Wesley's Covenant Prayer

I am no longer my own, but yours.  
Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will.  
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.  
Let me be employed for you or laid aside for you,  
exalted for you or brought low for you.  
Let me be full, let me be empty.  
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.  
I freely and heartily yield all things  
to your pleasure and disposal.  
And now, O glorious and blessed God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
you art mine, and I am yours.  
So be it.  
And the covenant which I have made on earth,  
let it be ratified in heaven.  
Amen.

All-Saints Celebration Worship Begins at 10

Chili Cook Off

Sunday November 3 In the Gathering Place

Drinks and Baked Potato Bar provided

Bring: your prize winning chili (or side or dessert, if you like)

Prizes awarded for best Chili dishes





Neighborhood Meal Ministry  
October 23rd @ 5:30PM  
Sign up in the foyer!

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9:45 AM - 10:45 AM Sunday School

11 AM - 12:30 PM Worship Service

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Order of Worship  
20 October 2019  
The Season after Pentecost

## We Gather to Worship God

Prelude Music  
Welcome  
Call to Worship  
Worship Reading

## We Listen to the Scriptures

Pastoral Prayer  
Offering  
Sermon Series: They Teach Us How to Pray  
Sermon Five: "John Wesley: Intentional and Persistent"  
Scripture Reading Luke 11.5-13

## We Come to the Table

Passing the Peace of Christ  
Song of preparation  
Prayer of Consecration  
The Lord's Prayer  
We Eat and Drink Together  
Prayer of Thanksgiving

## We Go to Live in the Reign of God

Community Life  
Gossiping the Good Stuff  
Doxology  
Blessing and Sending

***If you are a guest with us today,  
Please take time to fill out a  
Connection Card as you leave.  
Thank You!***

Please visit us on our website,  
[www.tablelifechurch.org](http://www.tablelifechurch.org) for details of events.

Also you will find, Worship folders, Church Calendar, more about our  
ministries and online giving.

## COMING SOON

Oct 20 At the Cross Recovery	6:30PM
Oct 22 Youth Ministry Team Meeting	6:30PM
Oct 23 Neighborhood Meal Ministry	5:30PM
Oct 27 At the Cross Recovery	6:30PM
Oct 31 Trick or Treat Rest Stop	6:00PM
Nov 3 Daylight Saving Time– Fall back one hour	2:00AM
<b>Nov 3 All-Saints Worship Service</b>	<b>10:00AM</b>
Nov 3 All-Saints Chili Cook Off	12:30PM
Nov 3 At the Cross Recovery	6:30PM
Nov 5 Church Board and Team Meetings	6:30PM

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## Sermon Reflection Guide

### Luke 11.5-13

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

### Question for Everyone:

(1) I am the epitome of grace under pressure. (10) I freak out with the least little provocation. Where are you on this range?

## On the Stormy Sea

In his sermon, Pastor Rob told the story about John Wesley's encounter with Moravian Christians on a storm-tossed ship. They remained poised and non-anxious. Wesley was terrified. This encounter led to some significant soul searching for the young minister. What might your number on the above range reveal about your faith?

## The Way Your Pray Reveals What You Believe

Years ago, I learned that the way one prays reveals a lot about the person praying. Some folk pray in humbled and hushed tones reserved only for God. Others pray rather informally and casually as if talking to a friend. Some folk love the structure of fixed-hour prayers and the Divine Office. Others love Brother Lawrence's more conversational spirituality of practicing the presence of God in the most mundane circumstances. Whether or not one prays at all reveals a great deal about that person. People who don't pray and claim faith have some explaining to do it seems to me. It is like claiming friendship with a famous person with whom you've never spoken. Response? Would you say your prayer life is becoming more or less robust? Why? Why not?

## Time Management Matrix and Christian Formation

	Urgent	Not Urgent
Important	<u><b>Quadrant I</b></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Crisis</li><li>• Pressing Problems</li><li>• Deadline Driven projects</li></ul>	<u><b>Quadrant II</b></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Nurturing Relationships</li><li>• Spiritual Formation</li><li>• Worship</li><li>• Exercise</li><li>• Recreation</li><li>• Sabbath Making</li></ul>
Not Important	<u><b>Quadrant III</b></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Interruptions</li><li>• Emails, Calls, Meetings</li><li>• Popular Activities</li><li>• Proximate, Pressing matters</li></ul>	<u><b>Quadrant IV</b></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Busy work</li><li>• Time Wasters</li><li>• Social Media</li><li>• Some Calls and emails</li><li>• Pleasant Activities</li></ul>