

"PRAYER & POWER FOR MISSIONS"
EPHESIANS 6:10-20
NOVEMBER 1, 2009

Questions for Study & Reflection

1. Read Acts 1:1-8, 2:1-13, & 4:23-31 and discuss the relationship between prayer and power for missions. How is this connected to Paul's request in Eph 6:19-20?
2. Read Eph 6:19-20. Do you see the wonder of the connection here between congregation and missionary? Do you see how God has willed to bless the one through the prayers of the many because we are one body in Christ?
3. The first specific request Paul made was that "words be given him." What do you make of this request given the fact that Paul was a man of many profound words?
4. The second specific request Paul made was for "boldness" with which to proclaim the "mystery of the gospel." What do you think he meant by this phrase "mystery of the gospel"? (see Eph 3:6) Why did he need prayers for boldness in order to proclaim it?
5. Pastor Charlie said that the word "boldness" implies at least two things: the willingness to speak the words God has given you in the way God has commanded you to speak them, and the willingness to speak those words no matter what the outcome. What do you think?
6. Paul said at the end of v. 20 that he "ought" to preach the gospel. Read Acts 13:1-3 and 1 Cor 9:16 and think about what Paul meant by the word "ought." Is there an "ought" upon your life as well?
7. What part is God calling you to play in the church's missions trip to India? Do you see the vital need we have for prayer as we go? Are you willing to make the time to come and pray with the body that those who are going might have words and boldness to proclaim the gospel and the ability to discern the will of God?