

Sermon Discussion Questions: Dangerous Prayers

Acts 4:23-31

1. Pastor Mark points out that the first Christians would often pray for courage and boldness to serve the Lord rather than pray for safety and security. Why do you think the early Christians would pray that way?
2. While it is good to pray for our health, our safety and the health and safety of others, why is it also important to pray for courage and boldness today?
3. Pastor Mark talks about the dangerous prayer: "Lord, search me." Can you share a time when the Holy Spirit revealed to you something in your life that needed to change? How did you deal with that?
4. Our culture encourages us to focus on pleasure, power and prosperity. How can prayer help us keep our focus on what God desires for our lives?
5. Why do you think prayer can be difficult sometimes?
6. Why is it helpful and good to confess our sin to God?
7. Pastor Mark talks about a second dangerous prayer: "Lord, use me." Can you share a time you felt God used you for a good purpose?
8. Is there an area where you believe God might be asking you to get involved and make a positive difference? Is there anything holding you back?
9. How can the church help people feel more engaged in service to God?
10. In your opinion, what are some of the differences between a "casual Christian" and a "dangerous Christian" (or "deeply committed Christian")?
11. How does prayer help us grow deeper in our commitment to the Lord?