

Bible chat week starting 13 2 22

Read 1 Thessalonians 5: 12 - 24

1. Explore how churches can best support deacons and ministers and others who “care for you in the Lord”.
2. Describe the characteristics of the fellowship Paul is envisaging. What lessons, if any, might hit home in our church?
3. Specifically, what impression do you get of the spirituality of the church Paul is describing? What lessons might be relevant for us?
4. Discuss what Paul might mean by verse 17. Is he saying something impossible; if not, what can he possibly have meant?
5. What supports your prayer life? Try to come up with half a dozen ways of praying: for example, one might be writing a letter to God. Can any of these ways help you to pray ‘continuously’?

Read 1 John 5:14.

1. To what extent do you feel confident in approaching God?
2. Robert said that prayer changes us. Do you agree? How has prayer changed you?
3. When is prayer selfish? Should we pray for ourselves? If so, how?
4. How can we get a sense of God’s will in prayer?
5. How can prayer help us also to actually **do** God’s will in our lives?
6. **Why** does God want us to pray?