

Examining the Scriptures
(Be Berean!)

- 2 Thes 1:1-12
- 1 Thes 3:9-13

Consider & Discuss*
(Be Transformed!)

1. “What is the most pressing need in the contemporary church of the Western world? Defend your view.” (Q1 p18)
2. “List practical ways in which you will commit yourself to improve your prayer life during the next six months.” (Q2 p38)
3. “How does Paul’s anticipation of Jesus’ return shape his values and his prayers?” (Q3 p50)
4. “What does it mean to pray that God might count Christians we know to be worthy of God’s calling? How will you incorporate such petitions in your prayers?” (Q1 p62)
5. “As a spiritual disciple, slowly read through the prayers of Paul every day for one month. Record in what ways this discipline influences your own praying.” (Q2 p77)
6. **Community Group Discussion: “In what ways does Paul’s prayer in 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 show his passion for people?”** (Q1 p94)

**Title, outline and discussion questions cited from D. A. Carson’s book, “Spiritual Reformation,” Baker, 1992. (This week is prayer review, Chapters 1-5.)*

Community Life

- Together let’s learn from Paul by listening carefully to his prayers. Talk about what you are learning from Paul’s prayers that should shape your own.

Next Week: “Spiritual Reformantion,” Chapter 6

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***“Spiritual Reformation”**, Review**

“And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve the things that are excellent, in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ; having been filled with the fruit of righteousness which comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.”

Phil 1:9-11

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Knowing God through Prayer

Reconnecting with Spiritual Transformation

- I. Lessons from the School of Prayer
- II. The Framework of Prayer
- III. Worthy Petitions
- IV. Praying for Others
- V. A Passion for People

What transformative truth is the Holy Spirit leading you to in this passage?