## Praying Like Paul Week #3 Questions

- 1. Share some of the thoughts you had as you read through the prayers of Paul in Chapter 4.
- Reconsider this quote: "If you're serious about reforming your prayer life, you
  must begin with your heart. Unconfessed sin, nurtured sin, will always be a
  barrier between God and those he has made in his image."
  - a. Ask someone who knows you well and loves you dearly to share with you the name of one person they feel you might be currently struggling to forgive.
  - b. Explain here how you might, by the Spirit's power, be able to begin to offer forgiveness to this person and live out the command of Christ in Mark 11:25.
- 3. Share the 4 ways in which Paul's prayer in 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 displays his continuing passion for the church at Thessalonica.
  - a. Which one of these is the hardest for you to embrace and why?
- 4. The author mentions on page 90 that one remarkable feature of Paul's prayer life is that he intermingles intercession for others with his own service to these people (1 Thess 3:10-11). List three people you will pray for this week and three ways you intend to practically serve them. Make sure you share these ideas with your accountability partner.
- 5. Once again we find Paul praying with one eye on his brothers and sisters in Christ and one eye on the coming of Jesus.
  - a. How would keeping the return of Christ at the forefront of your prayers shape your prayers for others?
  - b. Offer 3 suggestions to yourself that can help you pray for your TCC family with a nod towards the reality that they will one day stand before a holy and righteous God in order to give an account.