WARM-UP QUESTION

Take a moment to check in: How did your "I will" statements go this past week?

DISCUSS

Read Ephesians 6:17-20

- What does the invitation to "pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers" reveal about God's accessibility, patience, and desire for relationship with us?
- Where else in Scripture do we see Jesus modeling a life of prayer, especially in times of spiritual battle or decision-making? How do those examples deepen your understanding of the importance of prayer?
- Paul asks for boldness to proclaim the gospel. What does this teach us about the purpose of prayer, not just for personal needs but for the advancement of God's kingdom?
- Why do you think Paul ends the list of armor with the Word of God and prayer rather than a physical or defensive item?

Read Romans 8:26-27

- When have you struggled to pray or not known what to pray for? How does knowing the Spirit intercedes for you encourage or challenge you?
- How does the idea that God "knows all hearts" make you feel? Comforted, exposed, both?
 Why?
- Why might it be important that the Spirit prays "in accordance with the will of God"?
- How intentional are you about prayer being a central part of your spiritual battle plan? How
 can you practice leaning into the Spirit's help in prayer this week?

TAKE ACTION

What is God speaking to you? What is the next step of obedience you can take this week?

Craft a personal and practical "I will" statement:

- Keep it specific, realistic, and doable this week.
- Share your "I will" statement with the group for encouragement and accountability.