Praying Through Adversity
Life Group Questions

1. Scott shared a story about his twins persisting in their search for a cold glass of orange juice or milk. Do you have any stories of a time when you've seen that kind of persistence somewhere?

2. Scott shared some reasons as to why we might struggle to remain persistent in our prayer lives. One was that we may have learned, in our day to day lives, that we shouldn't ask for something 20 times. Another reason could be that asking God for help time and again can wound our pride. What are some other reasons we struggle to stay consistent in our prayers?

3. Scott made the point that Jesus knows that we're going to wrestle with opposition and apparent silence in our prayer lives and so He teaches us how to handle those things when they come. On a scale of 1-10 how well would you say you do in dealing with your times of apparent silence and/or opposition? Why do you think that is?

4. Luke 18:1-8 is the parable of the persistent widow. The reason for the parable is to teach us that we should always pray and never give up. For you personally, what are the 1-2 things that you find to make it difficult to keep praying and never give up?

5. Read Psalm 89:14. Is this a picture of God that typifies how you see Him? Why or why not? What aspect of this picture do you struggle to hold on to the most? (maybe His faithfulness, His love, His justice, etc)

6. With the story of blind Bartimaeus, Scott made the point that we need to pray over the opposition (get louder). Share a time when you've gotten louder. Share a time when you've allowed yourself to be silenced by the opposing voices.

7. Read Psalm 13:1-6. If you were to break down this Psalm into three sections (1-2; 3-4; 5-6) which of these three areas best describes how you're feeling now? Why?

Take some time to pray for each other based on the answers given on #4 and #7 and for any other areas that have come up during the conversation.

I'm so thankful for you Life Group leaders...thanks for being awesome!!!