



“Are we going to pray?”

This question has come up several times in Confirmation class this year.

You may have noticed how people are often making a statement when they ask a question. Here’s the statement the students are making when they asked that question: “We need to pray!”

I don’t stick to a rigid schedule for our class time. Sometimes I start with prayer. Other times I leave it for the end. This question has come up on those days I haven’t started with prayer. They have so many things they need to talk to God about, they want to make sure I don’t forget our prayer time!

And when we get to prayer time, it is very rare that any of them have a hard time coming up with things to take to God. It is much more likely that I will get a ‘laundry list’ of things. That laundry list will include the typical prayer things like healing (e.g. for a hand that got broken while slam dunking a nerf basketball). But this group surprises me with the number of requests that go beyond physical things. Like healing for relationships with teachers and friends, thanksgiving for good things happening in the lives of siblings, comfort for relatives and friends going through tough losses - and they even frequently pray for their parents!

It dawned on me that I am actually making a statement including their question this month. My statement is this:

What an example these kids set!

We should all look forward to our prayer time as much as these confirmation students do!

Thanks for asking,
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