



Jan 13<sup>th</sup> '19

1. Start by talking about your biggest longing for your prayer life this year.
2. Read 1 Chronicles 4:9-10
  - i. If you look at the verses in I Chronicles 4 before and after verses 9 and 10, what do you notice? What's so unusual about verses 9 and 10 in this chapter?
  - ii. In the prayer of Jabez, what's the first thing he asks God?
  - iii. What is a "blessing?" Jabez lived in the time of the Judges. He would have known of God's dealings in the lives of his ancestors. What might have inspired him from what God said to Abraham in Genesis 12:1-3?
  - iv. When we ask God to "bless" us, what are we asking for?
3. What other prayers can you think of in the Bible that give us an insight into God's heart? (e.g. Solomon... 1 Kings 3:3-15; Hannah... 1 Samuel 1:10-20; Jonah... Jonah 2; Paul... 2 Corinthians 12:6-10)
4.
  - i. Read Ephesians 1:3-23 and list some of the things covered in the phrase "every spiritual blessing in Christ" (v3).
  - ii. As well as these wonderful spiritual blessings, what else does God encourage us to ask him for? Are you ever reluctant to ask God for what you need? If so, why?
5. Talk & pray together about specific issues / concerns you want to agree together to bring before the Lord this year.  
Included in your prayers for God's blessing on the life & ministry of T.B.C, please pray for the Alpha Course that's due to start on Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>.