**SGA Sermon Discussion Questions**

**From October 15, 2017, Pastor Matt Gaw, “Offensive Prayers”**

Matt 16:18 - Now I say to you that you are Peter which means rock, and upon this rock I will build my church and all the power of hell will not conquer it.

**Warm up questions**

1. How do you pray? What do you pray for? What is your prayer life like?
2. What sort of ways has God answered your prayers?
3. We want to move from “God, make me happy” prayers to “God, make me new” prayers. How can having this mindset this change the way we pray?

**Format for Offensive Prayers**

1. Preparation for prayer
	1. “God, teach me to pray”
	2. Talk and walk with them to discover their story and affliction
		1. What is happening in your life that can be holding you back from God?
		2. What is preventing you from taking steps of faith towards God?
		3. What is preventing you from doing what God is leading you to do?
	3. Avoid fixing their problem. The goal is to pray for them instead of fixing it.
2. Name the affliction - Find 1-3 words to describe the spiritual attack, affliction or attitude.
3. Find the opposite
	1. Find God’s identity or character to replace the affliction
	2. Find scripture that describes God’s identity that you want to pray into this situation
4. Pray God’s identity and scripture promises into existence.
	1. Pray the hell out of the situation and pray God’s Spirit into the people.

Of the following afflictions, what can you relate to? What would God’s character or identity be to replace them? What scriptures about God’s character can you think of as a group?

* Fear
* Hopelessness
* Guilt
* Shame
* Loneliness
* Depression
* Bitterness
* Self-loathing
* Insecurity
* Weak
* Useless
* Pressure
* Burden
* Sin
* Apathy
* Anxiety
* Unworthiness

Go through the process of Offensive Prayers and have your small group pray for you.