

This Weeks Focus – Prayer

NOTE: This weeks cell group guide follows a little different format. Because Diane Brask was with us on Sunday and shared about the role of prayer in revival and spiritual awakening, I would like prayer to be a special focus for our groups this week. So, I would recommend doing your ice breaker question “check-in” time but then move right into a time of prayer, beginning with some worship. A suggested flow for your worship and prayer time is outlined below.

WELCOME (15 minutes):

The purpose of this time is to “check in” and share life with one another. Typically you can simply go around the group and have everyone share a high and a low of the week. Sometimes, if a deep struggle is shared by someone, you may want to go directly from this time into prayer for the person. Also, if you have guests, you may opt to just do a fun icebreaker for this portion of the meeting instead.

Gathering Question: Check in and share a high and/or a low from your week.

SPECIAL PRAYER FOCUS (45 minutes):

Prayers and Songs of Praise

Read Ps 100:4-5

4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. 5 For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

- Sing some worship songs or read Psalm 145 together (each person taking a verse)
- Prayer Prayers of Praise: “Lord we praise you for _____.”

Prayers for the Cares of our Hearts

Read 1 Peter 5:7

7 Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

- Take a moment for silent prayer and invite the members of the group to, in their heart, cast any heaviness or worries upon Jesus (you may want to have a worship song playing in the background as they do this)

Read Heb 4:16

16 Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

- Ask if anyone in the group is in particular need of personal prayer ministry. If so, take turns gathering around each other and praying. (Note: There may not be anyone, and that's fine. Don't force it. But make it available just in case.)

Prayers for Revival and Spiritual Awakening

Say: "We are going to move now into a time of praying for our neighbors, our city, our church, our nation, our world. Prayer changes things. It is extremely powerful and even more so when we pray together in agreement. Let us agree to venture into a deeper experience of the power of prayer."

Read Matt 18:18-20

18 "I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them."

Read 2 Chron 7:14

14 if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

- Pray for Revival and Spiritual Awakening...
 - In Gig Harbor
 - In America
 - In our world

Prayers for Revival in our Church and in Us

Acts 4:29-31

29 "And now, Lord, take note of their threats, and grant that Your bond-servants may speak Your word with all confidence, 30 while You extend Your hand to heal, and signs and wonders take place through the name of Your holy servant Jesus." 31 And when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak the word of God with boldness.

Matt 6:10

Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

- Pray that God would embolden us and equip us to share the gospel with those around us.
- Pray that God's kingdom rule would come more and more in our lives, in our families, in our church, in our cell group.
- Pray that we would begin to see people come to faith in Jesus at One Hope Church on a regular basis
- Pray that we would begin to see adult baptisms on regular basis of those who have never been baptized
- Pray that God would bring healing to people at One Hope – physical, emotional and psychological.
- Pray that Satan would be bound and rendered powerless in his attacks against the church in Gig Harbor.
- Pray that Jesus would be glorified in our church and in us.

Closing

Close by singing a song or by saying Lord's Prayer together