



## Part 2 – “Lightning Rods”

### The Big Idea

A Move Of God Takes Thunder; The Power Or God From Above  
But It Also Takes Blood; Sweat And Tears And Prayer From Below.

### Postures That Attract The Presence And Power Of God:

#### #1. A Posture Of **REPENTANCE**

“Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,..” Acts 3:19

#### #2. A Posture Of **PRAISE**

“Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.” Hebrews 13:15

*But thou art holy, O thou that inhabits the praises of Israel.* Psalm 22:3

*“Answers to prayer are wonderful, but they are secondary to the main function of prayer, which is a growing, perpetual communion with Jesus Christ- answered prayer comes as a happy by-product”*  
~Richard Foster~

#### #3. A Posture Of **PRAYER**

Restore us again, God our Savior, ...Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?  
Show us your unfailing love, Lord, and grant us your salvation.  
Psalm 85:5-7

During the days of Jesus’ life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.  
Hebrews 5:7

*“Every Mighty Move Of The Spirit Of God Has Had Its Source  
In The Prayer Chamber.”*  
~E.M. Bounds~

## **TALK IT OVER** Life Group Discussion Questions

- What was the one thing that impacted you most from this weekend's service or message?

### **Posture of Repentance:**

- What should we do if we do not feel sorrow for our sins? We can't fake it or work it up. So what should we do?
- Why should we see repentance as a source of hope rather than as a matter of despair?
- Does repentance mean that God removes the consequences of our sins? If He does not, why should we repent?
- Read James 4:16. How can you practice this as a group?
- Why do you think repentance can act as a lightning rod for God's presence?

### **Posture of Praise:**

- Read Psalm 150.
- Based on this Psalm discuss where, why, when and how to praise God?
- Why do you think praise can act as a lightning rod for God's presence?

### **Posture of Prayer:**

- Read Ephesians 6:18. What do you think it means to "*pray in the Spirit on all occasions*"?
- Based on this scripture how would you rate your prayer life on a scale of 1-10?
- Why do you think so many of us struggle with the discipline of prayer?
- Read Revelation 5:8. John tells us that in heaven worship represented by "harps" and prayer represented by the "bowls of incense". Why do you think these two things are so important to God?
- Spend some time with your group praying and worshipping together. See if God might use this time as a lightning rod to draw down heaven

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