

Week 5- Praying for a Breakthrough

Open with Prayer

Key Verse: *You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. JEREMIAH 29:13 (NIV)*

Six Steps For Praying for a Breakthrough

- Let God _____

During the first year of [Darius'] reign, I, Daniel, was studying the writings of [Scripture]. I learned from the word of the Lord, as recorded by Jeremiah the prophet, that Jerusalem must lie desolate for seventy years. DANIEL 9:2 (NLT)

If you stay connected to me and my words remain in your heart, you may ask any request you want in prayer, and it will be given to you. JOHN 15:7

The more you fill your mind with Scripture, the more your prayers will be answered, because you will be praying according to the Word of God.

- Focus _____

I gave my attention to the Lord to seek him by prayer ... DANIEL 9:3 (NASB)

I love those the who love me, and those who seek me diligently will find me. PROVERBS 8:17 (NKJV)

You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. JEREMIAH 29:13 (NIV)

[God] rewards those who earnestly seek him. HEBREWS 11:6 (NIV)

- Express _____

I prayed earnestly to the Lord, pleading with him. DANIEL 9:3 (GNT)

I poured out my heart, baring my soul to God. DANIEL 9:4 (THE MESSAGE)

- Demonstrate _____

I did not eat any food. And to show my sadness, I put on sack cloth and sat in ashes. DANIEL 9:3 (NCV)

- Thank God _____

I prayed to the Lord my God and confessed: "O Lord, you are a great and awesome God! You always fulfill your promises of unfailing love to those who love you and keep your commands." DANIEL 9:4 (NLT)

Lord God, you are merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against you. DANIEL 9:9 (CEV)

- Humbly _____

But we have sinned terribly by rebelling against you and rejecting your laws and teachings. We have ignored the message your servants the prophets spoke to [us] ... We have been unfaithful, and have sinned against you...We have rebelled against you and rejected your teachings. DANIEL 9:5-10 (CEV)

O my God, listen to me and hear my request... We do not ask because we deserve help, but because you are so merciful. DANIEL 9:18 (NLT)

While I kept on praying and confessing my sin and the sins of my people, and pleading with the Lord, suddenly the angel Gabriel appeared in my vision and said to me, "Daniel, I've been sent to help you understand God's plan. The moment you began praying, an answer was given, and I'm here to tell it to you, for God loves you very much." DANIEL 9:20-23

Discovery Questions

1. Daniel waited seventy years for his breakthrough. How do you identify with Daniel's story? Have you ever had to pray for months or even years for a breakthrough? What was the outcome?
2. What is the breakthrough prayer you are asking God about right now?
3. Jeremiah 29:13 (NIV) says, "*You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.*" What does it mean to you to seek the Lord with all your heart?

Group Prayer