



Small Group Curriculum

Week 3: Prayer

Study Guide



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Watch the video before the group meets.

Video Notes

Talk to _____ about people before you talk to _____ about God.

Evangelism is simply _____ the Gospel in the power of the _____
and leaving the results up to _____.

Week 3 Group Discussion

Check-In

Share with your partner your Minute-to-Witness and Gospel memory verses, and check in concerning continued heart preparation.

ACTION

How did you do with your action step?

Why do we pray?

What is your experience with prayer?

1. Our Condition: Read 2 Corinthians 4:3-4 and Ephesians 2:1-2.

What is the condition of the unbeliever?

2. Our Enemy: Read 1 Peter 5:8, 2 Corinthians 11:14, and Ephesians 6:10-12.

How does the Bible describe our enemy?

“If we could wake up every morning and see the spiritual battle around us, we would never get out of bed without first praying.”

– Dave Gibson, Pastor of Missions and Evangelism

“The one concern of the devil is to keep Christians from praying. He fears nothing from prayerless studies, prayerless work, and prayerless religion. He laughs at our toil, mocks our wisdom, but trembles when we go to our knees in prayer.” – Samuel Chadwick

How do we pray?

1. We pray using scripture as our guide. **What are ways to pray for the lost from scriptures you know (e.g., Romans 10:13-17)?**

“Prayer brings the omnipotent God of the universe into the struggle of rescuing souls from Satan’s kingdom.”

– Evelyn Christenson

Here are some example prayers from the questions in the previous “Why do we pray?” section:

- From 2 Corinthians 4:3-4: “Sovereign God, in Your mercy would You un-blind John Doe’s mind?”
- From 2 Corinthians 11: “Lord, I humbly ask that You would allow John Doe to see the true light and not be taken in by the masquerade of the enemy.”

2. Read Colossians 4:2-4. **What instructions does Paul give regarding prayer and evangelism?**

Colossians 4:2-4 (NIV) ² _____ yourselves to prayer, being _____ and _____ . ³ And pray for us, too, that God may _____ a _____ for our message, so that we may _____ the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. ⁴ Pray that I may proclaim it _____, as I should.”

3. **What has encouraged you to keep praying for them?**

4. **From your experience with prayer, are there any tools that have helped you practically keep up your commitment to pray for those individuals who need Jesus?**

Who do we pray for?

Relational Connections – The people God has placed in your life

Four Primary Areas – Family, Recreation, Neighbors, Co-Workers/Classmates

5. Who are five people in your life who need Jesus?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

My 5 is a list of people who are close to you, but far from God that you commit to prayer, care for, and as God leads, lovingly and appropriately share the Gospel with.

6. Connect with your partner, and pray for your My 5.

“Then he said to his disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.’”

– Matthew 9:37-38

“Prayer does not prepare us for the greater work, prayer is the greater work.”

– Oswald Chambers

Week 3 Application

Start - Day 1

PREPARE

Pray daily for your My 5 and for opportunities to show Christ's love to them.

Suggestion: use habit forming techniques such as marking your calendar, setting a daily alarm, praying while doing regular daily activities (e.g., brushing your teeth).

Continue - Day 2-4

PRACTICE

1. Write your 500-word testimony. (See Appendix B for instructions and examples.)
2. GOSPEL – Memorize the fourth and fifth lines of the GOSPEL outline and at least one verse for each:
 - **Paying the price for our sins, Jesus died and rose again.** (Romans 5:8, Romans 6:23)
 - **Everyone who trusts in Jesus alone has eternal life.** (Romans 10:9-10, John 1:12)

Complete - Day 5-6

ACTION

Ask two unbelievers this week how you can pray for them.

Watch the video for Week 4, and complete the discussion questions before the next meeting.

Optional Additional Application

Pick a meal this week to fast and pray for the lost.

Throughout scripture we see the importance of fasting. Kings fell to their knees in the face of overwhelming odds (2 Chronicles 20:3), our Lord molded fasting (Matthew 4:2), and He instructed it (Matthew 6:16). Fasting is a heart cry for God himself and for Him to move. It is a testing of our faith; do we long for an answer more than even the basic necessities of life?