

Life Group Discussion Guide

Kingdom Culture - September 20

LEADER NOTES

This week Pastor Erinne Baker continued our Kingdom Culture series with a powerful message about prayer. As you enter your conversation, recognize that everyone in your group has a different experience with prayer. Some may be prayer warriors and have time set aside daily to pray. Others may never pray outside of your group meetings, but would be uncomfortable sharing that with the group. As you facilitate your discussion, avoid assumptions about individuals' prayer lives and make it clear that everyone has a place in the conversation regardless of their experience with prayer.

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time, caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

THIS WEEK'S TEXT

James 5:13-16

Are any of you suffering hardships? You should pray. Are any of you happy? You should sing praises. ¹⁴ Are any of you sick? You should call for the elders of the church to come and pray over you, anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ Such a prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make you well. And if you have committed any sins, you will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.

John 17:17-21

"Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word, which is truth. ¹⁸ Just as you sent me into the world, I am sending them into the world. ¹⁹ And I give myself as a holy sacrifice for them so they can be made holy by your truth. ²⁰ "I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message. (that's you and me, and if it isn't you yet, it is absolutely for you whenever you choose for it to be). ²¹ I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me."

LOOK UP

Does your prayer life resemble the description of prayer in James 5? Explain how it is similar or different.

What was Jesus' primary concern as he prayed for us in John 17?

LOOK AROUND

What is the most challenging aspect or obstacle for you when it comes to prayer?

Has prayer deepened your connection and relationship with God? If so, how?

LOOK AHEAD

Pastor Erinne shared 5 things that prayer accomplishes:

- Prayer deepens our connection and relationship to God.
- Prayer deepens our connection and relationship to others.
- Prayer activates the power of God against the enemy.
- Prayer grows our faith and opens our eyes to what God is doing.
- Prayer aligns our heart and will, with the will of our Father.

Which of these do you feel the greatest need for?

PRAYER