



Growth Group Message Discussion Guide

Revelation on Prayers of the Saints, Pt. 5

How to Pray in a Crisis? - Pt. 2

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Preparing to Lead Your Group Discussion

- **PRAY** for insight as you begin to prepare for leading your group. Ask for God's wisdom, that the Holy Spirit will be the teacher and that you will be God's instrument to lead the group to greater understanding and a willingness to commit to becoming more like God. Prayer should be your primary source of personal preparation for leading your group.
- **PLAN** where you want to take your group in the lesson. Is your group strong in some areas and weak in others? How can you challenge the members to live more balanced Christian lives? Plan to encourage your group members to grow in their weak areas.
- **PONDER YOUR PROGRESS** after each session and at the end of a series. Reflect on what went well and what didn't. Re-evaluation is key to your growth as a leader. Consider whether your plan is being effective in moving the group to greater understanding and commitment. How are you and others doing with leading the discussion: is it stimulating, challenging, and meaningful? Are you able to keep the group on track? Do you need to make some changes?

Goal for This Week's Study

Help group members understand how to focus their attention on God and how to seek Him by prayer and petitions.

Using The Message/Sermon Discussion Guide Below

- **Growth Group Discussion is a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group.** This is designed to be completed easily within 45 minutes. As the discussion leader, you should preview and evaluate the questions before the meeting. Decide in advance what is most important to focus on, should time not allow for the entire lesson.
- **Personal applications are essential for growth and should be included in every discussion.** When discussing how they will apply principles, group members may state very general goals such as "I need to spend more time in prayer." It is important for you to help people make goals that are very specific and commit to specific plans of action by asking, for example. For example, to get 25 minutes every morning, spend 15 minutes reading the Bible and 10 minutes in prayer. Encourage each group member to be accountable to the group for personal progress at the next meeting.





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Sermon/Message Discussion Guide

Icebreaker:

Share a joke, an experience, a testimony to encourage and put a smile on someone's face.

Digging Deeper

1. *How do you keep your mind from wandering in prayer? Discuss some ways to focus more intently on God when you come to Him in prayer.*
2. *Briefly share with your group about a current crisis in your life and how seeking God helped provided an answer to the crisis? Please be specific so it can help someone.*
3. *If many of our problems are caused because we didn't seek God first*
 - a. *Share your thoughts on a time when you ignored God when deciding on an issue and it led to several problems.*
 - b. *What did you learn about God through that situation?*
 - c. *What did you learn about yourself during that period?*
4. *How can we develop the attitude of always setting our mind and hearts on God and asking for his opinion first?*

