



Lessons For Connection Groups



Discussion Questions For Connection Group Leaders

“DEVOTION AND PRAYER”

Each week you will want to include the following components in your Connection Group meeting:

1. **Welcome** – This is a time for our group to have a little fun together and to get better acquainted with each other. It is a fantastic opportunity for us to glean insights into the life of each member. Use the group opener questions for this section of the meeting.
2. **Worship**—This is an occasion for us to turn our focus in the right direction. We praise and adorn the Lord for who He is and what He has done in our lives. Let the worship lead you into a time of Spirit-led prayer and ministry to each other.

Ministry: Allow your group members to edify each other with the spiritual gifts that God has given to them. Pray for each other and allow the Spirit to minister through His people.

Is there a prophetic word? (A word of exhortation, edification, comfort) Is there a word of tongues and an interpretation? Does someone need special prayer? Etc.

3. **Word** – As a group, we open God’s Word, and we discuss the topic before us and learn how to apply the Word of God to our everyday situations. We take the sermon that was preached and make it applicable and practical to our everyday situations.
4. **Works** – We discuss and plan how we as a group will actively reach out to the lost and hurting around us. This is where we strategize how we will put “shoe leather” to the truth of God’s Word.

THE POWER OF PRAYER AND FASTING

(Engaging in the Unseen War)

Scripture Reference: Daniel 10:1-21 | Ephesians 6:10-20

Group Opener: (*Choose a question for your connection group to discuss.*)

1. When you face a problem, what is usually your first response – do you act quickly, worry silently, or pray first? Why do you think that is?
2. Have you ever waited a long time for an answer from God? How did that season affect your faith?

Discussion Questions:

- Group Facilitator – *It is not necessary to use all the questions provided. Select the ones that will stimulate the most response from your Connection Group.*
 1. The sermon says, “Prayer does not begin with speaking; prayer begins with setting the heart.”

What does it look like for you to set your heart before God in prayer?
 2. Daniel fasted not because of panic, but because of holy longing.

What do you long for most in your walk with God right now?
 3. According to Daniel 10, heaven heard the prayer immediately, yet the answer was delayed.

How do you usually respond when God’s answer does not come right away?
 4. Ephesians 6:12 reminds us that our struggle is not against flesh and blood.

How does this truth change the way you view people, problems, and conflicts in your life?
 5. The iceberg illustration teaches that most of the battle is unseen.

What visible struggles in your life might have an unseen spiritual root?
 6. The sermon says that prayer is not just a tool, but the atmosphere of spiritual warfare.

How consistent is prayer in your daily life right now, and what hinders you from praying more deeply?

7. Fasting teaches us to wait without quitting.

In what areas of your life do you feel tempted to quit, rush, or lose heart?

8. Daniel remained faithful during twenty-one days of silence.

What helps you remain faithful when God feels silent?

9. When Daniel humbled himself, God strengthened him.

How have you experienced God's strength in moments when you felt weak?

10. As we begin this year with prayer and fasting, what is one concrete step you can take to grow in devotion to God?

Intentional Discipleship:

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BE DEVOTED TO PRAYER

Scripture Reference: Acts 2:42 | Colossians 4:2-4

Group Opener: (*Choose a question for your connection group to discuss.*)

1. When life becomes busy, what is usually the first spiritual habit you struggle to maintain?
2. How would you describe your prayer life right now – occasional, consistent, growing, or struggling?

Discussion Questions:

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 1. The sermon asks a heart -level question:
Is prayer something you do when you have time, or something you are devoted to? How would you honestly answer this for yourself?
 2. Acts 2:42 says the early believers “continued steadfastly” in prayer.
What does steadfast prayer look like in your daily life right now?
 3. Why do you think devotion is more important than intensity when it comes to prayer?
 4. The sermon says prayer is a posture, not just a practice.
What kind of posture do you usually have when you pray—rushed, dependent, distracted, or attentive?
 5. Colossians 4:2 calls believers to be watchful in prayer.
What distractions or spiritual drift do you notice affecting your prayer life?
 6. Paul connects prayer with thanksgiving.
How does gratitude change the way you pray and view your circumstances?
 7. The quote says, “Many believers pray occasionally; few believers live prayerfully.”
What do you think it means for you to live prayerfully?

8. According to Colossians 4:3–4, Paul asks prayer not for comfort, but for open doors for the Word. How often does your prayer move beyond your needs to God's mission?
9. How does devoted prayer shape you as a disciple, not just as an individual believer?
10. As you continue the 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting, what is one specific change you want to make in your prayer life?

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PRAYING FOR HARVEST, SENDING WORKERS

Scripture Reference: Luke 10:1-12 | Acts 13:2-3

Group Opener: (*Choose a question for your connection group to discuss.*)

1. When you hear the word harvest, what comes to your mind – people, pressure, responsibility, or opportunity?
2. What excites or challenges you most about being involved in God’s mission?

Discussion Questions:

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 1. The sermon says that prayer always moves God’s people outward. How does your current life reflect concern for others beyond yourself?
 2. Jesus taught His disciples to pray, “Your kingdom come.” What does praying for God’s kingdom mean for you in your daily life?
 3. According to Luke 10:2, the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Why do you think availability is often the greater challenge than opportunity?
 4. Jesus tells His disciples to pray for workers before He sends them. Why do you think prayer must come before action in God’s mission?
 5. The disciples who prayed for workers became the workers themselves. How does this challenge the way you pray for the lost or for ministry?
 6. When you pray, “Lord, send workers,” are you also open to praying, “Lord, send me”? Why or why not?
 7. Acts 13 shows the church fasting and praying before sending Barnabas and Saul. What does this teach you about listening to God before making decisions?
 8. The illustration of the compass reminds us that prayer gives direction. In what ways do you need God’s direction right now?

9. The sermon says praying churches become sending churches. What might change in your life if prayer shaped your view of mission more deeply?
10. What is one practical step you can take this week to pray more intentionally for the harvest?

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THE GOD WHO HEARS AND ANSWERS

Scripture Reference: 2 Chronicles 7:12-22 | 1 John 5:14-15

Group Opener: (*Choose a question for your connection group to discuss.*)

1. When god seems silent, what emotions usually rise in your heart – peace, doubt, frustration, or perseverance?
2. What helps you continue praying when answers do not come quickly?

Discussion Questions:

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 1. The sermon begins with an honest question:” Does God really hear me when I pray?”
How would you answer this question based on your current experiences?
 2. According to 2 Chronicles 7:14, prayer begins with humility.
What does humility in prayer look like for you personally?
 3. God promises to hear prayers offered by a repentant people.
How does repentance help realign your heart when you pray?
 4. God says His eyes are open and His ears are attentive to prayer.
How does this truth comfort you when you feel discouraged in prayer?
 5. How do you usually interpret God’s delay—do you see it as absence, rejection, or something else?
 6. 1 John 5:14–15 teaches that confidence in prayer comes from praying according to God’s will.
How can knowing God’s Word help you pray with greater confidence?
 7. The sermon says prayer is not about bending God’s will to yours, but aligning your heart with His.
In what areas of your life do you need this alignment right now?
 8. God connects prayer with covenant faithfulness and obedience.
How do obedience and prayer work together in your daily walk with God?

9. The sermon reminds us that God listens to broken and surrendered hearts. What areas of surrender is God inviting you into today?
10. After hearing this message, how has your understanding of unanswered prayer changed?

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