

# SMALL GROUP LESSON PLAN



## Teaching The Bible Through Practical Biblical Teaching

- **Greeting/Opening Prayer/Food & Friendship**
- **Icebreaker** ~ If you could take a trip anywhere in the world now, where would you go and why?
- **Testimonies/Good news/What are you thankful for?**
- **WOF's Purpose:**
  - 1) We teach and educate - exercising believer's rights through practical application
  - 2) We are a holistic church- development of spirit, soul, and body
  - 3) We are a mission's church - serving both domestic and international
- **Short review of what was preached at service on Sunday**
- **Facilitation of Lesson**

(Facilitator Notes)

### PRAYING AT A HIGHER ALTITUDE (LEVEL)

Passenger airplanes cruise at altitudes of 30,000 feet and higher because the plane can fly faster and uses less fuel (fuel efficiency). Additionally, there is less wind resistance, more power, and less effort used by the aircraft; avoiding some turbulence, and allowing for a more comfortable trip. Similarly, when we learn to **Pray at a higher ALTITUDE (LEVEL)**, we too are able "rise above" normal altitudes...petitioning God for more than ourselves, but also for our enemies, for those who persecute us, those who offend us, as well as praying for those in authority (regardless of their political beliefs) **Praying at a higher altitude level** means we offer our prayers to God with the heart of God's love for the world; giving thanks and praise to God because we know that He hears, and will answer our prayers according to His Word (not according to how we feel or think).

**Read: Matthew 5:43-44, Mark 11:25** God's call to us is to love one another and to, pray one for another. Praying on a higher altitude is not only forgiving those who've hurt, offended or abused you, but also praying for them.

1. Identify challenges that have kept you from praying for those who have hurt, offended or abused you (i.e. coworker, neighbor, spouse, Christian brother/sister.).
2. Discuss how you've overcome these challenges.

**Read: 1 John 5:14-15, Mark 11:23-24** Praying at a higher altitude level is having confidence to believe that God will hear and answer our prayers. .

3. Share a time when you prayed and received an answer for a person or a situation that **seemed** impossible to change/happen.
4. What was one of the most important things you learned from the experience?

**Read: James 5:14-16 AMP, Philippians 4:6-7 AMP**, We need to understand the power, authority, and position we can have in the lives of others and in our own lives when we yield ourselves to pray at a higher altitude level.

5. What can you do to combat "weariness" (being tired, especially in having run out of strength, patience, or endurance) so that it doesn't affect/hinder your prayer life?
6. How can other believers help us when we feel hopeless and unable to achieve and maintain the correct "altitude levels" needed in order to receive the answers to prayer?

- **Time of Decision** (Everyone Bow Your Heads)

**1) Receive Jesus as your Lord and Savior:**\*Some may have never received Jesus.\*You may be a good person, give to the poor, and serve in the community. \*Has there been a day where you confessed Jesus and Lord?

**(Read Romans 10:9)** If need to make this decision, raise your hand:

**What to do next:** Have them repeat after you: "I believe that Jesus is the son of God. I believe he died for me bearing my sins for me. I believe he rose from the dead and is alive right now. Dear Lord Jesus, come into my life now! Come into my heart now! I believe in my heart, and say with my mouth that Jesus Christ is my personal Lord as Savior. And I am, right now, born again."

**2) Rededicate your life:**\*Is your life a mess? \*Are you struggling right now? \*You know something is just off in life? **{Read 1 John 1:9}** If you want to be restored with God, raise your hand:

**What to do next:** Lead the person in the following prayer, allowing them to repent before God for the area they have sinned: "Father, I come before you in the Name of Jesus asking for forgiveness ... (allow the person to personally speak to God about the specific thing they are repenting for). After they are finished, close out the prayer with them, thanking God for forgiveness and restoration."

- **Time of Prayer**
- **Your Circle: (Family, Friends and those you have influence with) How's it going?**
- **Announcements-Next WOF service and any additional announcements**
- **Dismissal**

**Prayer focus:** 1) Your Circle (friends and family) 2) Small Group members 3) Word of Faith Leadership

**Have you reached out to your circle today?**