

# SMALL GROUP LESSON PLAN



## Teaching The Bible Through Practical Biblical Teaching

- **Greeting/Opening Prayer/Food & Friendship**
- **Icebreaker** ~ What might have happened if Jesus didn't pray?
- **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)

### THE ART OF PRAYER: Importance of Prayer (Part 1)

Prayer is man communicating with God and God communicating with man. It is a dialogue between you and God. Prayer should be an essential part of a believer's life. Prayer is also vitally important because God has chosen to limit Himself to the extent that believers pray. God moves on earth as a direct result of our prayers.

#### **READ: Matthew 26: 39-41 NLT; Matthew 6: 5-8 NLT**

If prayer was essential for Jesus, how much more is prayer an essential part of the life of the believer?

1. Name 3 reasons why it is essential for believers to pray.
2. What are some excuses Believers use for not praying daily?

#### **READ: Psalms 34: 6-7, 17-22 NLT**

God moves in the earth because somebody asks Him; because somebody prays. Your prayers open the door for God's will to be done on the earth.

3. What are some doors that you need to open in your life?

#### **READ: Mark 11: 24-25 NLT; 1 John 5: 14-15 AMP; Hebrews 11:6 NLT**

It is important to know that when you pray, you pray in faith. Faith means confidence, trust, and belief in God.

4. Give an example of a prayer that does not reflect confidence, trust and belief in God.
5. Turn that prayer around to reflect confidence, trust and belief in God.

- **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?**