

# SMALL GROUP LESSON PLAN



## Teaching The Bible Through Practical Biblical Teaching

- **Greeting/Opening Prayer/Food & Friendship**
- **Icebreaker** ~ In your own words, describe open vs. closed "talking".
- **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)

## WHY PRAY?

Prayer is an act of communication by man with the Holy God, who created us. It is giving our attention to God in a two-way spiritual relationship where we talk to God and also listen to Him. Prayer is a privilege that allows us to be in the presence of God while speaking and receiving from Him through our hearts. So, **Why Pray?** In this lesson we will discuss 3 aspects of the importance of prayer in the life of a Christian: **1) God's Word Calls us to Pray.** Prayer is a vital connection to our relationship with God. and an act of our obedience. Prayer brings us into communion and communication with God. **2) Jesus Prayed Regularly.** and did nothing of His own accord. He learned obedience and humility spending time in God's presence **3) Prayer allows us to participate in God's Works**, submit to follow His leadings, promptings and to help fulfill God's purposes and plans in the earth.

**Read: Jeremiah 33:3, Psalm 66: 16-20, James 4:8-10.** -God "calls us" to bring our concerns and cares to Him. He desires to share with us blessings that we would miss if we had not reached out to Him in prayer.

1. Share a time when you were "called of God" (beckoned, summoned) to pray for someone or a situation.
2. Describe the experience.

**Read: Matthew 4: 1-11 NKJV** Jesus' prayer time empowered Him with strength to resist the temptations of the devil.

3. How has your spending time in prayer helped you to resist (refuse to give in to) the devil?

**Read 1 John 5:14-15, James 5: 14-18** When we pray according to God's Word and His will, we can be sure that He hears and answers our prayers. Prayer allows us to participate in God's Works.

4. Tell of a time you were called of God to pray for someone who was sick or suffering.
5. How did the experience affect your faith walk or the faith walk of the person you prayed for?

- **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?**