

Ignite Week #4 Lesson

Scripture: Luke 22:31-34

Chapter Four: *The Power of Intercessory Prayer*

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Group Questions:

- When was the last time you underestimated someone?

- How much confidence do you have in the power of prayer?

- Prayer is often seen as the last resort when it should actually be our first and often only response.
- Jesus is all-powerful. He walked on water, He healed the sick, and even the wind and water listened to Him.
- Even with all of the choices Jesus had to deliver Peter from Satan, He decided to use what He knew would work best prayer. Message: prayer is enough.
- If prayer was enough for Jesus then prayer is enough for us today.
- Prayer is similar to an all-access pass given to a guest at an event. With this pass they can gain access to any area of the event. With prayer, God has given us an all-access pass to what we need as well – intentional time with Him.
- What parts of your life do you need to give over to prayer?

Scripture: Acts 12:1-11

Group Questions:

- What was the last group project you worked on?

- How often do you work alone versus working with someone else?

- While Peter was in prison, the church prayed for him, knowing that they could not do everything yet they could do this one thing.

- Intercessory prayer is teamwork designed to be done together and on the behalf of others.

- If your prayer time is totally consumed by what you want or need, then there is a problem.

- Why does it seem easier for us to pray for ourselves than for others?

- While he was in prison, Peter needed the prayers of the church to be added with his prayers in order for change to happen.

- What if there is someone in our life who cannot be released from their current situation without having us join them in prayer? How might this change the way we pray?

- Prayer is powerful and prayer is enough.

Scripture: Romans 8:31-34

Group Questions:

- What do you hope that Jesus is praying for on your behalf daily?

- Who do you pray for daily? Who should you be praying for daily that you aren't praying for?

- This Scripture is clear that Jesus doesn't just preach prayer but He practices prayer on our behalf as He is sitting on the right side of the Father.
- Right now, Jesus is praying over us for the issues we know about and those for which we are not even aware.
- If Jesus is recognizes the necessity of praying over us consistently, then we should recognize that we need prayer daily in our lives.
- Prayer belongs to God, is inhabited by God, and is given to us as a gift.
- How does it feel knowing that God is praying for you?

Suggested Group Activities For This Week:

- Create a prayer request card for the leadership of your church. Ask them in what area(s) can your group pray for them?
- Commit to adding their prayer request to your group's prayer wall.
- Identify local community partners such as schools or police stations and begin to pray for them as a group and even go to their locations to pray as a group. (Prayer meet-up)
- Continue to add names of friends and family members for the group to pray over.

