

PRAY | WEEK 6

Title: Pray Earnestly

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Verses: John 17; Matthew 26



SERIES INSIGHT

The foundation of a powerful prayer life is marked out in 1 Thessalonians 5:17, to “pray without ceasing” and in James 5:16, that “The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.” What would our lives be like with prayer lives like that? This **PRAY** series we will learn how to do just that with **passion, confidence, & authority!**

ICEBREAKER

- What was the last TV show you binge watched?
- What game show would you be super awesome at?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **Review the Message.** Looking back at your notes and upon reflecting on this weekend’s message, what was your one takeaway from Sunday?
2. Last week, Jonathan walked us through what it means to “yield” in prayer. Have you noticed a change in your life (body, posture, attitude, hope, etc) since? Anything you still need to yield?
3. Share a time when you prayed with increased intensity. What caused you to do so, and what was the outcome?
4. During the final days of Jesus' life on earth, he “Prayed Earnestly”. Read John 17:1-5 & 17:20-21 then answer the following:
 - a. How does it feel considering the fact that Jesus prayed for you/us?
 - b. How can we continue to be an answer to His prayer?
5. Read Matthew 26:36-44. Then openly share your personal thoughts, feelings, and insights as you engage with Jesus praying earnestly in this text.
 - a. **Leader Note:** Encourage your group **NOT** to rush this! Pause and allow for a moment for genuine reflection, then allow the group to share their heart responses.
6. The Early Church prayed earnestly. Read Acts 12:1-19 (note verse 5). How can you come together and pray earnestly for God to show his Glory?

PRAYER

- Spend some time in earnest prayer for this Easter weekend. Pray over the names of people you long to see have an encounter with Jesus.
- Allow people to share requests and celebrate any praise reports as well. Consider having someone write down the requests to share with the group. Take time to pray however long your group needs.



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