Small-Group Discussion Questions

These questions are designed to help students think critically about the message and what it means to them. Remember that every conversation is moving the ball down the field. Not every conversation is a touchdown.

- a. What was something from the message that stood out to you and why?
- b. What do your normal prayer times look like? Are they structured? Free form? Missing?
- c. What are things you regularly pray for?
- d. What is something you've prayed for in the last week?
- e. What did PRAY stand for? Praise, Repentance, Ask, Yield.
- f. Read Matthew 6:9-13 together:
 - "This, then, is how you should pray:
 - 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
 - your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.
- g. Which aspects of "PRAY" do you see in this prayer?
- h. Does it help you to have a structure for a prayer time? Why or why not?
- i. What obstacles do we face when we pray? How have you defeated or removed these obstacles? [Please think about and share a time you've overcome something like your mind wondering or being distracted.]
- j. When have you seen prayer make an impact in your life or someone you know?
- k. Why is it important to focus on who God is and to praise Him when we pray rather than only focusing on our needs?
- I. What is one thing you need to pray about today?

Prayer challenge. Set a time and have everyone in your family/small group commit to praying at that time for someone else in the group at a set time during the week. "So at 4pm every day this week pray for the person on your left".