



NEW PALESTINE BIBLE CHURCH

a Community of Faith

Small Group Guide

Hosts:

Use this outline as a guide to dive a little deeper into prayer and building community within our church. Each of the questions below have been pulled from the topics that were preached the past two weeks. Depending on how time allows you can use most or little depending on time of discussion. (Please mark which questions you did not use since it can be applied in later weeks as well.)

Try your best to keep the time moving in the groups. We need to respect the time of yourselves and those who are in the group. The most important aspect of these groups is to build community within the church and to pray together.

Outline (1 hour – 1 hr and 15 minutes total)

Welcome: 5-10 min (Greet those who have come and thank them for deciding to dive deeper into this study. Make sure to introduce yourself and have others introduce themselves to the group)

Open in prayer for the meeting: 1-2 minutes (Pray for GOD's leading in this time together and for hearts/minds to be open to the SPIRIT for your time together.)

Questions: approx 30 min (Spend this time utilizing the provided questions. Do not feel the need to rush through them. You do not have to use all of the questions. Let this time be a time for growth and discussion.)

Prayer: approx 20 min (Use the prompts provided for you to lead the group in prayer. You may have more time depending on how long the question portioned last. Use this time to open the air for others to pray if they are comfortable. It is fine if there is silent prayer as well. Spend a few minutes on each prompt).

Closing: Thank everyone for joining the group. Make sure to invite them back for next week's meeting.



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Small Group Prayer Meeting Questions

1. What do you believe are the true purposes of prayer, and how does understanding those purposes impact your approach to prayer?
2. Jesus emphasizes asking in His name to glorify the Father. How can our prayers reflect a desire to bring glory to God rather than just focusing on our personal needs?
3. How does viewing God as a loving Father influence your confidence and attitude when praying?
4. We heard last week that prayer helps us bear fruit—both in character and service. How does prayer contribute to your growth in the fruit of the Spirit or your effectiveness in serving others?
5. Joy in God is a purpose of prayer. How have answered prayers or moments of communion with God brought you deeper joy?
6. Prayer is a marker of true Christianity. Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not? How might this perspective motivate or challenge your prayer life?



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7. How does prayer enable us to fulfill Jesus' command to make disciples and bear fruit? In what ways can your prayer life support your ministry and outreach efforts?
8. In what areas of your life do you need to actively seek God through prayer right now?
9. How do you think our attitude and focus during prayer affect the way God responds?
10. Why do you think it's so easy to neglect or deprioritize prayer even when we know its importance? What distractions or attitudes can pull us away from intentional prayer?
11. What are some practical ways you can plan and create space for extended or focused prayer times in your weekly schedule?
12. How does understanding that Jesus Himself prioritized prayer influence how seriously we take our own prayer lives?
13. What are some barriers you face in making prayer a top priority, and how might you overcome them?
14. Is there a particular example from scripture highlighting the priority of prayer that encourages you in your prayer life?



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Prayer Time

- Thank GOD for who HE is and what HE has done. (Glorify God through this time)
- Spend some time now “relating to God” through prayer. Pray for alignment to HIS will, guidance and direction, and for us to build up our communication/relationship with HIM.
- Share with the group something you have been praying and waiting for GOD to “move on”. (Galatians 6:2 and 1 Thessalonians 5:25)
- Pray to GOD for more fruit-bearing in our lives. Opportunities to bear-fruit to others. (Galatians 5:22-25)
- Joy and grace go hand in hand in GOD’s Word. Take this time to pray for more joy and understanding of HIS will in our lives.

Thank you for taking time out to meet together for this important series. Use these prayer prompts during your personal prayer time this week.