

# Key Takeaways and Discussion Questions



## Key Takeaways:

1. Intercessory prayer is pleading with God on behalf of others.
2. The New Testament emphasizes the importance of praying for one another.
3. Intercessory prayer is a vital part of Christian ministry.
4. We should approach intercessory prayer with urgency and desperation, like Mordecai approached Esther.

## Discussion Questions:

1. What stood out to you most from the sermon about Mordecai and intercessory prayer?
2. Read Esther 4:13-14. How does Mordecai's plea to Esther relate to our role in intercessory prayer?
3. Pastor Ike mentioned that intercessory prayer is different from regular prayer. How would you explain the difference to someone new to the concept?
4. Why do you think it's important to pray specifically for people by name, rather than just praying about situations in general?
5. How might incorporating more intercessory prayer change your overall prayer life?
6. What are some potential barriers that keep us from engaging in intercessory prayer more regularly?
7. The sermon mentioned praying for non-believers. How can we effectively pray for those who don't yet have a relationship with Jesus?

### Practical Applications:

1. This week, choose 3-5 people to intentionally pray for by name each day.
2. Practice using the model: "Jesus, I am here to represent [person's name]. Here's their need... This is what is happening... God, this is where we need you to answer."
3. Set a daily reminder on your phone to pause and pray for someone specific.
4. Partner with another group member to pray for each other's prayer requests throughout the week.
5. Start an intercessory prayer journal, recording specific prayers and any answers you observe.