

## Video 8: “Ministering Through Prayer” Matthew 6:9-13 | Book 1 chapter(s) 16

### **Before the Video:**

Take a few minutes and share with the Group: How did you see God at work this past week? What has Jesus been teaching you in His Word? What kind of conversations are you having? What good can we do around here?

### **Processing Our Insights:**

Today’s session focuses on the final Mission Practice of Ministering through Prayer... and honestly, doesn’t that sound like the most terrifying Mission Practice of all? How does Susan reassure us in the video? (And how does that help you?)

- What words of advice did the Finke’s give about how to pray with someone?

When trust has had time to build, people will start sharing what’s really going on in their lives. When a person shares something real and hard, we can respond to them with a simple offer of grace: *“Would you like me to pray with you about that?”*

- How does praying aloud in our group help you grow and prepare you to minister through prayer in your “neighborhoods”?

Praying with our neighbors is missionally powerful. But we can also pray for our neighbors during our personal or family devotion time. (Also, remember, “neighbors” aren’t just people who live near you; they are those with whom you have *regular* access.) Take a few minutes to fill in a Neighborhood Prayer Map for one of your neighborhoods on the next page of this handout.

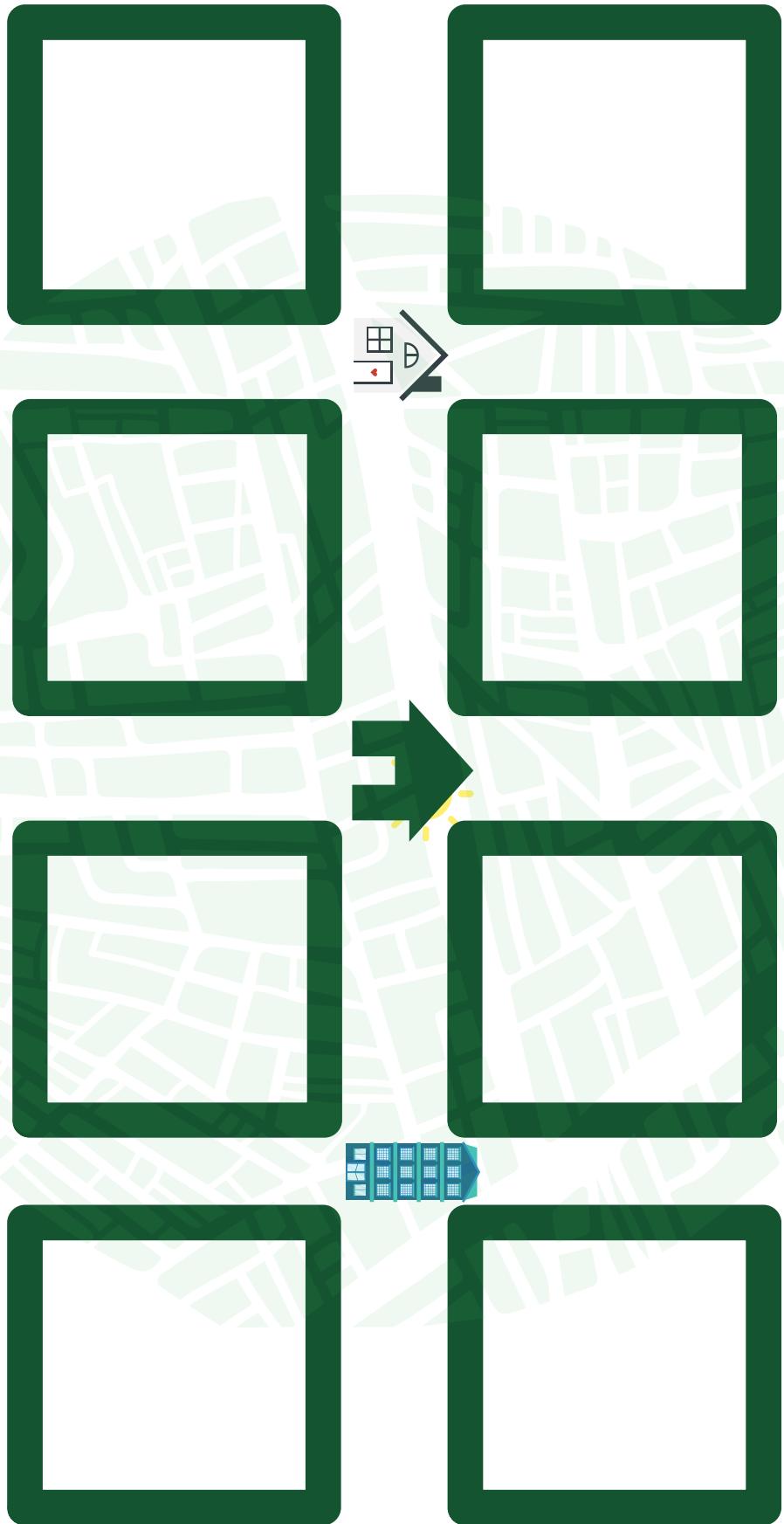
What was helpful about the encouragement the Finke’s offered regarding having time for a missional life?

### **Before We Go:**

*Take up the Challenge:* Begin to use your Neighborhood Prayer Map to pray regularly for your neighbors – taking small intentional steps toward joining Jesus on His mission.

*Ministering through Prayer:* As we prepare to head out on our mission adventure with Jesus, have each person ask the next person, “How can I help you in prayer?” After everyone has had a turn to answer, each person then prays for their neighbor.

# Neighborhood Prayer Map



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The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.