



Community Group Discussion Guide

Prayer Guide – Weekend of March 16-17, 2019

I. Adoration:

Psalm 34:1-3 (ESV): I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad. O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

Spend time together as a group praising God for who He is. Each person doesn't need to pray a long prayer, just a short sentence, such as, "Lord you are good," or "I praise you because you are Holy."

II. Confession:

1 John 1:9 (ESV): If we *confess* our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Take a couple of minutes for silent confession.

III. Thanksgiving:

Psalm 100:4 (ESV): Enter his gates with *thanksgiving*, and his courts with praise! Give *thanks* to him; bless his name!

Take turns, as the Spirit leads, thanking God for what He is doing in your lives, in our church and in the world. Thank God for each other and for others who serve in our church. Keep these prayers very short so that everyone feels comfortable praying, but try not to go in a "circle" as it intimidates a young believer or lost soul to publicly pray.

IV. Supplication:

Psalm 116:1-2 (NASB): I love the LORD, because He hears my voice *and* my supplications. Because He has inclined His ear to me, therefore I shall call *upon Him* as long as I live.

This week, instead of sharing prayer requests and then praying for them. Try letting people pray for their own requests briefly. Others in the group can also offer prayers of support for those that are hurting.

Ask God for what you and your group need. Pray for our church, our city, our world. Here are a few suggestions:

- Pray that our Hillside Kids Ministry will continue to flourish and make disciples of

children, as well as of families.

- Pray for salvations to come from among students and adults in our city, that God would awaken hearts to salvation, even out of heartless religiosity.
- Pray for our worship gatherings to continue to be filled with God's power and grace, pointing people to Jesus.
- Pray that every one of us becomes a disciple-maker, praying for and working for new disciples. Pray for that one person He is leading you to disciple.
- Pray for our marriages to be pictures of the Gospel relationship we have in Jesus Christ.
- Pray for our church to be a safe place for people to be vulnerable and open. "It is OK to not be OK."
- Pray that we take our obedience to Jesus as seriously as we take our study of Jesus.
- Pray for freedom from addictions that people have – both public and private. Take time to pray for our Celebrate Recovery ministry and for Chris Gibson, as he leads this incredible ministry
- Pray that God will move in the Farsi-speaking and Spanish-speaking services that will begin on our church property soon. Pray for Farshid and his family; pray for Al and his family as they continue this transition to HHBC.
- Pray that even more people would commit to going overseas, to American cities, and to the Farsi and Spanish churches.
- Pray for those from our church that are on Spring Break Mission Trips to Phoenix, Santa Cruz, Western Europe and Puerto Rico.
- Pray for our teams working in Africa, Europe, the Middle East and Central America and our church planters.
- Pray for the Saturday night to Sunday night transition, that God would bless the move and lead people to the right time to worship, do life in Christ-centered community and serve His body.
- Pray for unity in the worship pastor search team as we continue searching for God's man for our church.
- Pray for a church member who is sick in the hospital in Cozumel and for her friend who is caring for her there.
- Pray for two people that are recovering from recent surgeries.

- Pray for a young man that is newly married and new to our church that has recently been diagnosed with cancer.
- Pray for those that are seeking employment.
- Pray for the elders/families and deacons/families as well as the church staff/families, that God would protect us.
- Pray for Northwest Baptist Church, Quail Springs Baptist Church, Life Church, Crossings and Harrison Bethel Baptist.