

the prayer course

THE PRAYER COURSE STUDY GUIDE SESSION 3: INTERCESSION

In this session we'll explore the power and importance of praying on behalf of others.

Bible passages: Matthew 6:10 "Your Kingdom Come"

Summary points: When God's people intercede, God intervenes. There is power in our free will. Four steps of intercession: get informed, get inspired, get indignant, get in synch.

Discussion Questions:

- What did you find most helpful or most challenging in the video?
- How do you feel about intercessory prayer – do you find it's something that comes naturally or is it more of a challenge?

"Our free wills are powerful; they can release or restrict the purposes of God."

- How does this affect the way that we come to God in intercessory prayer?
- Have you ever had a feeling that you needed to pray for something or someone? What happened?

"Prayer isn't about trying to get God to say amen to what I want; prayer is about me saying amen to God's will for my life"

- What would it look like for you to pray this week with this perspective?

Do it: As a group, spend some time interceding for your community, town or nation. Follow the 4 steps Pete outlined:

1. **Get informed:** learn the facts by checking the news, or updates about the people you're praying for.
2. **Get inspired:** What is God saying about this? Invite the Holy Spirit to speak into the situations you're interceding for.
3. **Get indignant:** Engage your own heart and allow yourself to think and feel honestly as you pray.
4. **Get in synch:** engage together. You might like to all pray out loud at once, or pray in a circle so that everyone has a chance to pray and be heard.