

Small Group Questions: Prayer for You, Prayer for Your Work, Prayer for Our Community

Series: This is a House of Prayer

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Read

Psalm 51:10-12; Deuteronomy 28:12-14; Daniel 2:20-21

Reflect

Prayer is our direct line to the creator of the universe, yet we sometimes fail to acknowledge and honor the sacrifices Jesus made for that line of communication to be established. When we have a clear connection with God through prayer, the areas of our lives which we believed to be hopeless receive new life. When we become salt and light in our workplace, the divine impact is far greater than we could possibly imagine. When we act as intercessors for those who serve in our community, we are living out the truth of God: He is still on the throne and in control. The Holy Spirit is speaking to us: are we listening?

Pastor Joel Delph gives us a powerful message on how to become an embodiment of the house of prayer, breathing the breath of the Holy Spirit everywhere we go.

1. Prayer for You

- a. What is distracting you from a clear connection with God?
 - i. How can your small group encourage you to surrender this distraction?
- b. How do we anchor our spirit to God so we are steady and willing to respond?
- c. God saved you. You didn't save you. How can you practice having joy in God's salvation?

2. Prayer for Your Work

- a. What are some examples of bringing the sacred to the secular in your workplace?
 - i. Where else in the Bible does it talk about being set apart from the world while living in it?
- b. God wants to bless the work of your hands. When you receive opposition, what are some things you can tell yourself to keep your sights set on God's purpose in the workplace?
 - i. Create a simple prayer with your small group that you can recite when in those moments of opposition.

3. Prayer for Our Community

- a. Give an example found in the Bible when Jesus became a servant-leader.
 - i. How can we imitate his behaviors for those serving in our community?
- b. Who in your community is someone you can commit to praying over?
- c. What reminders can help you become "prayer people" throughout the week?
 - i. How can your small group help with these reminders?

Respond: Where is God leading you? How can your small group support you?