





COMMUNITY GUIDE

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WEEKLY APPLICATION

TAKEAWAY: Prayer simultaneously restores our world and our God-given identity.

HEAD CHANGE: Intercessory prayer is asking God to act on behalf of others or situations.

HEART CHANGE: We were created to be intercessors, participating with God in lovingly overseeing the world.

LIFE CHANGE: Intercession is a way of loving others and joining God in bringing His kingdom to earth.

OVERVIEW

In this powerful exploration of intercessory prayer, we're reminded of our divine calling as co-laborers with God. The message takes us back to Genesis, where we learn that we were created in God's image to reign over creation. Though sin disrupted this purpose, through Christ, we're restored to our original identity as kingdom bringers. The story of Moses interceding for the Israelites in Exodus 32 beautifully illustrates how God invites us into dialogue, allowing our prayers to shape the course of history. As we pray 'Your kingdom come,' we're not passive observers but active participants in bringing God's will to earth. This message challenges us to embrace our role as intercessors, understanding that prayer is not just a religious practice, but a powerful act of love that can change the world around us.

"And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened."

Luke 11:9-10

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. The sermon mentions that we were "made to be intercessors." How does this perspective change your view of prayer?
2. Reflect on the quote: "To clasp the hands in prayer is the beginning of an uprising against the disorder of the world." How can prayer be a form of "spiritual defiance"?
3. In Discuss the tension between the power of prayer and the pain of unanswered prayer. How do you reconcile this in your own faith journey?
4. How does understanding our identity as "sons and daughters of the king" impact our approach to intercessory prayer?

CLOSE IN PRAYER

Take a moment to practice intercessory prayer.

IN THIS TOGETHER!