

Water of Life Community Church
WHY PRAY?
UNDERSTANDING PRAYER AND OUR ROLE

WEEK 4
2 CORINTHIANS 10:3-6

PARTICIPANT GUIDE

ICE BREAKER

PRAYER

WORSHIP

INTRODUCTION

In this week's message, we were reminded that prayer gives life and reveals Christ's authority. This is why we must pray for our lost friends and family members. There is a spiritual battle being waged all around us and in the lives of people we love. The only way to find victory in that battle is through relationship with Jesus in prayer.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. READ 2 CORINTHIANS 10:3-6.

- a. What is the dynamic between the physical and the spiritual Paul presents in verse 3?
- b. Are there some issues in life that we treat as physical when they are really spiritual? Can you give an example?
- c. If we do not wage war in a physical way, what are some of the spiritual weapons God has given to us?
- d. What is our responsibility in terms of using these weapons?
- e. Paul says we are powerful enough, through using these weapons, to demolish strongholds. What do you think a spiritual stronghold is?
- f. Why do you think Paul used such emphatic language – that these strongholds should be destroyed or demolished?

2. READ ACTS 26:15-18.

- a. How would you compare your sense of God's calling on your life to Paul's sense of calling in Acts 26:15-18?
- b. What specific instruction did Jesus give Paul?
- c. Paul doesn't specifically or overtly mention an ongoing relationship with Jesus through prayer in these verses. What is the relationship between prayer and carrying out Christ's command on our lives to help turn people from darkness to light?

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME

- In this week's message, we were encouraged not to just pray, "Lord, save them." We were reminded to ask the Holy Spirit to brood over the lost and tear down high mindedness, ideologies, and schemes. We were reminded to ask Him to lift the veil, give revelation, and to bring godly people into their lives. We were reminded to seek to tear down strongholds as we pray, binding the enemy and loosing the Holy Spirit to move freely. How do these reminders speak to you or challenge you personally?
- Have you ever experienced the spiritual stronghold of prayerlessness? How was that stronghold demolished, or how can it be demolished?

GOING DEEPER/WEEKLY CHALLENGE

REFLECT

- Have you ever had someone else praying and interceding for you? How did those prayers change your life?

RESPOND

- Commit this week to praying for someone else daily.

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MEMORY VERSE

Acts 26:17b-18 (NLT)

"Yes, I am sending you to the Gentiles to open their eyes, so they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God. Then they will receive forgiveness for their sins and be given a place among God's people, who are set apart by faith in me."

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