

## COMMUNITY GROUP OUTLINE—THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

### 40 DAYS OF PRAYER SERIES

#### “THE FIVE DIMENSIONS OF PRAYER”

- Your goal as the leader is to bring the group into a stimulating discussion that helps the members recognize their needs for personal life change. Ultimately you want them to be willing to commit to change with accountability to the group. Accountability helps us to persevere in our commitments and achieve the blessings of success.

#### WELCOME

- Share about a hobby, sport, or other fun activity that ended up having more interesting dimensions than you originally expected.
- **Goals:** To see God as a multidimensional God – in God’s creation, in Jesus’ incarnation, and in how the Holy Spirit moves. To know that because God is multidimensional I’m never alone. To pray in five dimensions – and as I pray – to look backward to the cross, to look upward to my Father’s loving face, to look inward to Jesus living inside me, to look around and ask the Holy Spirit to use me, and to look forward to my future in faith.

#### WORSHIP

- Heavenly Father, help us to know you as our loving “Daddy,” “Papa,” or “Abba” as Jesus instructed us to pray to you. You want our prayers to be personal, passionate, and a partnership with your Holy Spirit. We want to pray in five dimensions so that we understand that with you – we’re never alone. May the cross remind us how deeply you love us, how costly evil & sin is, and how completely we’re forgiven. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

#### WORD

*“Can you fathom the limits and bounds of the greatness and power of God? The sky is no limit for God, but it lies beyond your reach! God knows the world of the dead, but you do not know it. God’s greatness is broader than the earth, and wider than the sea.”*

Job 11:7-9 (TEV)

1. Read the verse above and put it into your own words. How would you paraphrase the message of this verse?

*“Grace & peace to you from Him who is, and who was, and who is to come.”* Revelation 1:4 (NIV)

2. Hebrews 13:8 says, “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.” How does that compare to the qualities mentioned in Revelation 1:4 above?

*“You should not act like cowering, fearful slaves, since God’s Spirit has adopted you as children into God’s family! Instead, by his spirit we simply cry out Abba! Father! and*

*God's Spirit affirms that we really are his children! And since we are now God's child, we're also heirs with Christ, and will share in both his suffering and his glory!"*

Romans 8:15-17

3. What is the importance of calling God Abba! Father! according to Romans 8:15-17 above. How does doing this bring us closer to God?

*"Examine yourself to see if your faith is real and growing. Test yourself. Remember that Jesus is living in you – unless you've failed the test." 2 Corinthians 13:5*

4. In the scripture passage above it says to, "Remember that Jesus is living in you – unless you've failed the test." What specifically are we to examine our self for according to the verse so that we don't fail the test?

## **WORKS**

*"I am confident of this, that God who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until it is finished on the day of Christ Jesus." Philippians 1:6*

Read Philippians 1:6 above aloud. We were created by God to contribute. Share with each other where the Lord has you in your walk with Him. What good work has the Lord begun in you that He is continuing to complete?