

Discussion Guide

“Close & Connected: Intercession”

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Big Idea

To intercede for others in prayer, we need to ensure that our posture is love, humility, and gratitude. Then we can pray God honoring prayers while praise Him in the process.

Icebreaker

Is there someone from your life who has consistently prayed for you? Who? How has that impacted you?

Discussion Questions

1. What does the word “intercession” mean? What does *interceding in prayer* for yourself look like? What does *interceding for others in prayer* look like?
2. Read Matthew 6:9-13. In this model of prayer that Jesus teaches us we see the aspects of praise, gratitude, and intercession. What areas of this passage represent each of those aspects? Talk a little about the order of this prayer. Do you think there is intentionality from Jesus in the order of this prayer?
3. Read 1 Chronicles 28:9-10. How do David’s words of encouragement to his son Solomon align with Jesus’ model by which to pray? What is David really trying to remind Solomon of here, and why is that important? Why is that important for you personally to always remember? Discuss why *it is hard to be on mission if you don’t know your Master*? Do you have any examples from your life where you got off mission where forgetting (not including) your Master and His teaching led you to a bad, or non-optimal, spot?
4. One of the points of the sermon was that we must *pray with a posture of love*. Why is it dangerous and/or contrary to the overall Christian faith if we do not begin by praying from this posture?
5. Read 1 Chronicles 29:18-19. What is David ultimately praying that God’s people (and Solomon) will do? Why is this an important thing to be interceding in prayer regarding ourselves and others? If we do not what could happen?
6. Read 1 Chronicles 29:10-13, 20. At the end of the day, all the gifts, talents, and abilities you have are from God. What is a gift, talent, or ability you have that you would like to thank Him for? How can such things be used more intentionally for Him and His mission; glory? How can you begin to do that more intentionally now?

Concluding Question

Read Romans 8:31-39. In what ways does this passage encourage you? Why and how do envision that Jesus continues to intercede for you before the Father?

Application

1. What do you think the Holy Spirit may be saying to you through this sermon and our discussion?
2. What is something God wants you to do now?
3. Is there a way we can help each other apply what God is showing us?

Prayer

- Following the model of a posture of love, humility, gratitude, and praise, intercede together for someone God has placed upon your heart.