

SESSION 3: 60 MINUTES

What we will cover today:

Part 1: Introduction and First Prayer

- Common Sense Rules
- Prayer for laborers in the kingdom
- Volunteer to read Notes

Part 2: Entering His Gates with Thanksgiving

- Reading: Psalm 103:1-22
- Praising God from Psalm 103
- Hymn

Part 3: Confession

- Reading: Psalm 51:1-3
- Private Confession

Part 4: Laboring in Prayer

- Reading: Luke 24:1-53
- Told To Pray: Luke 10:1-2
- 13 Major Operations
- Prayers Requested by Godly Men
- Personal Requests
- Commands of Christ

Part 5: Summary

- What we learned (summary Notes)

Part 6: Benediction

- II Thessalonians 3:16

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- Bible
- Pen or Pencil
- Post It Notes

LABOR FEATURE:

- 13 Major World Operations

PART 1: INTRODUCTION & FIRST PRAYER

(Leader tries to start on time and keep session to 60 minutes.)

1.

Leader: Before we begin let us review “common sense rules #3-8.”
(Facilitators Page 3, #3-8)

- Volunteer reads one common sense rule around until finished.

(3) Instead of telling everyone what God did for you, describe it to God and we will give thanks with you.

(4) Instead of telling everyone your prayer, request, just tell it to God and we will pray with you.

(5) While reading Scripture, if someone asks a question, the leader should say, “That’s a good question. We will discuss it after this prayer session.

(6) This is not a Bible study. The reading of the Bible during the prayer session is to hear from God and increase our faith to pray. If you have a comment about Scripture, tell it to God and we will worship with you.

(7) Say one prayer at a time. Pause, then go on if no one else says a prayer.

(8) Be charitable! It will all workout in the end.

2.

Leader: Also, we will need the “Note” reader – You will butt in (in a courteous manor) and read when the note shows up.

- “Note” reader volunteers

3.

Leader: In this session we seek to pray that God send out laborers to bring in His kingdom. Who will read Psalm 67? We will pray with you silently and say “Amen”

- Volunteer reads Psalm 67.

God be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause his face to shine upon us; Selah.²That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations.³Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.⁴O let the nations be glad and sing for joy: for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. Selah.⁵Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.⁶Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us. God shall bless us and all the ends of the earth shall fear Him.

NOTE: All say “Amen” at the end... it means you agree (Matthew 18:19).

PART 2: ENTERING HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

4.

Leader: I suggest we take a few minutes to bless God for who He is. Let's turn to Psalm 103:1-22. We will read two verses each around until all are read.

- Each person reads two verses around until all 22 verses are read.

NOTE: Example of turning a scripture passage into a blessing to God.

Psalm 103:12 – “Lord, I bless you for removing my transgression as far as the east is from the west.”

- Volunteers begin blessing God aloud from Psalm 103:1-22..

5.

Leader: Let us sing our hymn.

- Sing or mumble a hymn.

PART 3: CONFESSION

6.

Leader: This session lets us confess our sins to the Lord privately. Who will read Psalm 51:1-3?

- Volunteer reads Psalm 51:1-3.

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving kindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.² Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.³ For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.

- All say Amen.

NOTE: Since God knows everything about you, just go right ahead and confess/acknowledge privately your worst, worst, worst sin and he will forgive.

PART 4: SESSION APPLICATION

7.

Leader: Our meditation is a reading from Luke 24:1-53. Each person can read three verses around until the chapter is complete. I will begin.

NOTE: Prayer Principle: As I meditate on Scripture, God speaks to me, and faith to pray is the result. (Romans 10:17)

- Begin reading Luke 24:1-53 and take turns reading three verses each until the end of the chapter.

8. **Leader:** We have been commanded to pray that the Lord will thrust laborers into His harvest. We can do that by praying together the prayer He told us to pray in Luke 10:1-2.

- All pray aloud from Luke 10:1-2. (Portfolio of Scriptures, Page 1, #8)

After these things the LORD appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come.² Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest.

9. **Leader:** We now will review these 13 Major Operations seemingly raised up by God. Let us each go around and pray for one of the Major Operations until we complete all 13 (Facilitators, Page 5).

NOTE: As you read and pray, you'll see God is really doing stuff. Example: The Jesus film has been used to bring 128 million unto the faith.

(1) Maritime Ministry:

* We pray for the various ship ministries around the world. Continue to bless their efforts as they seek to distribute Christian literature, share the gospel, disciple and train the local churches, and bring intercultural exposure and medical care.

(2) Student Ministries:

* Student ministries constitute one of the most strategic mission fields. We pray for 50 million plus students in 46,000 universities and colleges. Many will be in leadership roles in the future, so we ask for the gospel to be at work in their lives. Lead them to repentance and faith in Jesus Christ.

(3) Missionary Aviation:

* Missionary Aviation is an effective means for evangelism and growth in the Church. We praise God for the 476 aircrafts in 48 lands used to transport Christian workers, supplies, hospital patients and aid. We pray for aviation staff. Would You, O Lord, raise up more aviation missionaries?

* We pray for you to raise them up, provide for their technical, financial, and spiritual needs, and equip them for this ministry.

(4) Theological Education by Extension (TEE) :

* This ministry has proven effective in training leaders all around the world. We praise God for his work in using digital media and other resources to train pastors that would otherwise not have access to educational training of this sort.

* We pray for TEE to develop more globally. We ask for You to raise key international TEE agencies.

* Bless Homestead College of bible through web-bases correspondence.

(5) Christian Literature:

* Because of the advancement of the electronic age, the book productions increasing and has served as a vital tool in communicating the gospel to people all around the globe. We praise God for this advancement and opportunity.

* We pray for continued distribution of Christian evangelistic and discipleship training literature, in various languages around the world.

* For every home for Christ going door to door with Gospel literature.

(6) The Jesus Film:

* The ministry of Campus Crusade has a desire to present the Jesus Film to everyone in the world in a language they can understand. This portrayal of Jesus in the Gospel of Luke has been a powerful tool in the spreadin of the gospel. We thank God for the creativity and talents of His people and for the 4 billion people that have seen the Jesus Film and 128 million that have come to faith through this work.

* We pray for more creativity in the use of the Jesus Film and for more partnerships with ministries and local churches around the world.

* We also pray for more film teams to develop and their safety as they seek to spread the gospel.

(7) Medical Mission Work:

* Medical missions has been a central component to Christian ministry on the mission field for many years. We praise God for the missionaries that have labored and given freely to the needs of those suffering with physical disease and pain.

* We pray for the adaptability of missionaries going to foreign lands to administer aid to those in need.

(8) The Internet:

* We pray for more evangelistic sites that are designed for non-Christian leaders.

* We pray specifically for those in the Middle East, where internet access is free (except for Saudi Arabia). We pray for the curiosity of Muslims about the Christian faith, that they may consider the claims of Christ in a non-threatening, anonymous way. We ask for more specialist web ministries to Muslims.

(9) Ministry to Children:

* The impact of ministry to children and young people cannot be overestimated because they are the potential church of tomorrow. We pray for the efforts of those involved in reaching the youth for Christ. Bless them O' Lord.

* Lord, break our hearts over the following statistics and move us to pray with greater compassion and fervency...

* Four billion children will be born between now and 2025. Of these, 90% will be born in the developing world.

* There are 1510 million children under 15 in less developed countries. Over 35% of these will grow up illiterate, most will be poor, and 40% in Asian and 26% in Africa will be malnourished.

* There are an estimated 100 million children who will live all or the majority of their lives on the street. We pray for the gospel to reach them.

* Evangelism Explosion has just launched a worldwide outreach to teach children to bring other children to faith.

(10) Audio Ministries:

* Believe it or not, the inexpensive recorders have made it possible to distribute Christian recordings across the globe. This has been a valuable tool for evangelism, teaching and encouragement of believers. We praise God for the ministries involved with the production and distribution of audio recordings around the world.

* We pray for an increase in the number and availability of Christian recordings across the world.

* Global Recording Network has recorded the gospel message in 5500 of the 10,000 languages and dialects of the world. Their goal is to complete the task by 2025.

(11) Christian Radio:

* We thank God that this has been one of the most useful aids for world evangelization, where many house churches have been planted because of Christian radio programs.

* We ask for more Bible believing Christian radio agencies to be developed around the world, especially among the unreached.

(12) Bible Societies and Translation:

* We thank God for Gideons International and Wycliffe Bible Translators.

* We pray that one day, all languages and dialects would have a translation of the Bible.

* We also pray for continued distribution of the Bible through the Gideons and the The Pocket Testament League.

(13) Television Ministry:

* Christian television has the potential to be a profoundly strategic tool for spreading the gospel, and has been in some cases. We thank God for the invention of the television and pray He will use it for His glory.

* We pray for a strong and effective, doctrinally sound Christian presence to be on world-wide television.

* The unbelieving West has used television as its main vehicle to promote hedonism, greed and immorality to the rest of the world. We pray. O'Lord, that you would destroy such vices that have also affected many Christian families.

10.

Leader: Who will pray Paul's prayer for all these workers from 2 Thessalonians 3:1-2?

- A volunteer prays (Portfolio of Scriptures, Prayers Requested by Godly Men, Page 7, #1).

Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you:² And that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men: for all men have not faith.

11. **Leader:** It is time for personal requests. Anyone who has them can pray them and we will pray with you.

NOTE: If your request is an unusually heavy burden, request we all write it down on a Post-it note and continue praying throughout the week.

- Anyone can pray anything from heart (personal, church, national, etc.)

12. **Leader:** As we learn and obey Christ's commands our joy is increased. Who will read Portfolio of Scripture, Page 3, #8 (John 15:11).

- Volunteer reads Portfolio of Scripture, About the Commands of Christ, Page 3, #8 (John 15:11).

These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

PART 5: SUMMARY

13. **Leader:** The "Note" reader reads the prayer principle and says the Benediction.

SUMMARY PRAYER PRINCIPLE

A.) NOTE: Prayer Principle: As I mediate on Scripture, God speaks to me, and faith to pray is the result. "Faith comes by hearing...the Word of God" Romans 10:17

B.) NOTE: We are told to pray this prayer: Lord of the harvest, send labourers into the harvest.

C.) NOTE: Prayer Principle: It's helpful to practice reading a praise from scripture then turning it into your own personal praise.

PART 6: BENEDICTION

14. **Leader:** "Note" reader prays Benediction

- Note reader blesses with the benediction from Portfolio of Scriptures, Page 9, #8 (2 Thessalonians 3:16).

Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace always by all means. The Lord be with you all.

All say "Amen"