

OPEN

This past Sunday was the close to our mission emphasis week! How did the week impact you? What did you learn from the message shared by Diego Morales? What's one step you can take to become more engaged in God's mission to reach people with the Gospel?

- Paul was dutiful in interceding for others in prayer. Who does Paul pray for - and what does he pray for - according to the following scriptures? Romans 1:9-10; 10:1; Ephesians 1:15-19; Philippians 1:3-11; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13.

STUDY

As far as our groups go, we are presently talking about the spiritual practice of prayer. Last week we looked at the Lord's Prayer which acts as an excellent template in which to organize our prayers. This week will drill down a bit on an approach toward prayer sometimes called "Intercessory Prayer." A basic definition of intercessory prayer is this: praying in regard to the people and circumstances around us. In intercessory prayer we take our eyes off ourselves and become burdened for God to move in the lives of others. The heart behind intercessory prayer is this: God is a God who is involved and engaged in His universe. Thus, we pray with anticipation and expectation, waiting to see just how God will work his will.

- Look up the following scriptures and look for how intercessory prayer is occurring: Genesis 18:22-33; Exodus 32:9-14; Daniel 9:3-19; Acts 9:36-41.

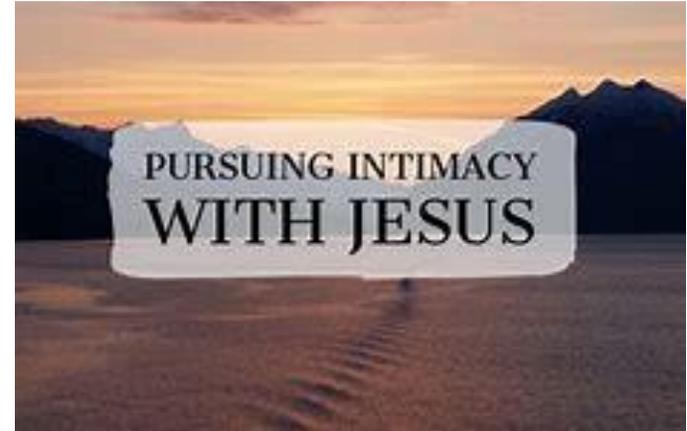
APPLY

- 1) What are some of the life situations/circumstances that arise in people's lives that might drive us to intercede in prayer for them?
- 2) What are some ways parents might prayerfully intercede for their children?

3) Has someone ever prayed to the Lord on your behalf? What did you think about that?

4) Can you think of a time Jesus prayed for needs of others?

5) What spiritual value is there in praying for others?



MESSAGE GUIDE

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