

Small Group Discussion Guide

Pray & Go – Week 6: Praying with Expectation

Scripture: Acts 28:7–10

Opening

- Share a story (funny or awkward!) about a time you tried to help someone but it didn't go as planned.
 - How do you usually feel about praying for someone out loud or in the moment? Excited? Nervous? Hesitant?
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Read Together: Acts 28:7–10

Discussion Questions

1. Big Idea – Prayer opens the door for God to do a miracle

- What stands out to you in Paul's example of prayer and healing in this passage?
- Have you ever seen God answer a prayer in a powerful or surprising way? Share what happened.
- How does prayer create "space" for God to move in ways we might not expect?

2. Point 1 – Prayer powerfully opens the door for miracles

- Why do you think many of us hesitate to pray—either for ourselves or for others?
- In the sermon, we heard stories where God answered prayers quickly, over weeks, or even after decades. How does that encourage (or challenge) you in your own prayer life?
- How do you think persistence in prayer changes *us* as much as it invites God to work?

3. Point 2 – Prayer can be as natural as breathing

- What gets in the way of making prayer a "reflex" in your daily life?

- Do you ever feel like your prayers aren't "good enough"? How does it help to remember that God values short, simple, heartfelt prayers?
 - Which of the short prayers from Scripture (like "Lord, save me!" or "Father, forgive them...") resonates with you most, and why?
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Application & Practice

- Choose one of these two action steps for the week:
 - When someone shares a need or struggle, pause and pray for them right then and there.
 - Take a walk down your street and pray for your neighbors, expecting God to move.
 - As a group, come up with a simple prayer for someone who is anxious about a job interview. Or, ask a member for a prayer request. Practice a simple prayer you might say.
 - For example:
Lord, I pray for _____. Would you comfort/guide/heal them? Give them peace and joy. In Jesus' name, amen.
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Closing Prayer

Invite each person to pray a short, simple prayer—either for someone in their life or for the group's neighborhood/community.