



## Rock Bridge Small Group Discussion Guide

### **The Prayer Project - Part 1**

#### **PARTICIPANT GUIDE**

##### **Into the Word:**

\*If you had to summarize the sermon in 30-seconds, what would you be sure to include?

Read Luke 18:9-14

- a) How would people in Jesus' day view the 2 people in this story?
- b) What was the Pharisee focused on in his prayer? The tax collector?
- c) What is Jesus contrasting in this story? What would have shocked Jesus' audience?
- d) Why did the tax collector go home justified before God?

##### **Apply the Word:**

- a) Using the sermon or the story in Luke 18 as a guide, what are some attitudes or practices regarding prayer that you need to stop?
- b) What is your reaction to this statement: *"Every time I pray, I receive something good that I do not deserve."*
- c) If helplessness or neediness is the one big condition for effective prayer to occur, how might God be working to raise your acknowledgement of your need for Him right now in your life?
- d) How do you believe God wants to use His word to you this week to change you? How can our group support you?

##### **Prayer Time:**

Open your prayer time with this statement from the disciples of Jesus:

"Lord, teach us to pray."

Then have each person pray the following:

"Lord, I need you in my \_\_\_\_\_ (health, family, finances, job, etc). I'm asking for your help, and placing my trust in you."

##### **Commit to pray for our church:**

*Each person in the group please commit to praying for our church in these ways*

- *400 Baptisms - for lives to be connected to Christ.*
- *Student Disciple Now weekend - for God to draw students to Him.*
- *That we would learn to pray and depend on God more than ever.*