



Rock Bridge Small Group Discussion Guide

The Prayer Project - Part 3

LEADER GUIDE

SMALL GROUP LEADERS:

Encourage your group to participate in the Prayer Project!

- Engage with the **5X5 Prayer Challenge** to spend 5 minutes each day for 5 weeks in prayer and journaling.
- Join a **Facebook Live prayer time** on Wednesdays at 7 AM or Noon.
- Sign up for **Time with God**, which will focus on prayer.
- Come to the **Day of Prayer** for at least 30 minutes on March 24th at every campus.
- Attend each week and don't miss a message!

IceBreaker:

*What's the craziest thing you've ever asked your parents for ... or that your kids have asked you for?

Into the Word:

Read James 4:1-3

a) What are the 2 reasons for unanswered prayer given in these verses?

b) How does prayer involve our desires? What do these verses teach us about pursuing our desires apart from God?

Teaching Tip: Desire is always behind our asking. God as Father wants to give good gifts to His children so it's okay to have desires. Prayer is a way for God to work through our desires to bless, refine, and sanctify us.

c) How are you hearing these verses today: As an explanation for your prayer problems? As an invitation to pray more to God? As a warning to your current mode of operation?

Apply the Word:

a) From the sermon analogy: Do you think you are in the box or at least facing it? Moving away from it or back turned to it?

Teaching Tip: The box illustrates abiding in Christ or remaining in Him in a dependent relationship. We can't see God's work in or through us unless we are facing, moving toward and/or in the box.

b) Which of the 4 sides of the box is the biggest area of God's work in your life right now?

From the sermon:

The 4 sides are God's glory, dependence, My Words, and whatever.

c) How would you teach a new believer the meaning of John 15:7-8?

Teaching Tip: *Be sure to emphasize that "fruit" is either Christ-like character (see fruit of the Spirit) or Christian ministry of living sent, blessing others, sharing the Gospel and seeing people come to faith in Christ.*

d) Share something with your group that you are currently praying for and how you need to look at that request from inside the "box." Do you need to change what you are asking? Are you missing an answer that God is giving? Do you just need to keep asking and not give up?

Prayer Time:

As a group, please spend time praying for each one to specifically grow in prayer. Also pray for our church to grow in prayer, and join us in praying for our big prayer asks listed here:

- *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.*