

Everyday Battles Facilitator Guide Week 7 “Prayer”

Suggested Format:

- Welcome/Fellowship
- Be sure to talk about the New Series “Come Let Us Adore Him” 5 week series that starts the last week of November.
- Pray
- Brief Introduction to Series (*Feel free to use as much or as little of the Leader Guide & Discussion Guide info below*)
- Watch Video (Behind the Message video 13 min)
- Discussion Questions
- Prayer Requests and Praises

-Have someone read Ephesians 6:10-20.

-PLAY VIDEO (19min)

Ohana Group Study Questions

(Everyday Battles Part 7)

Prayer

QUICK REVIEW

1. In the message from this weekend, what Scripture or particular point encouraged you, challenged you or stood out to you most? *Why? (Or from the video)*
2. Why is prayer, so often, our last resort? What personally keeps you from praying?

DIGGING DEEPER

Read out loud together: **Ephesians 6:10-16**

3. What is the ONE THING Paul wants us to do as we put on the armor of God? (hint vs18)
 - v.18 “praying at all times in the Spirit”
4. Why is praying in the Spirit the key to unlocking the use of the rest of God’s armor? (Belt of Truth, Breastplate of Righteousness, Gospel Shoes, Shield of Faith, Helmet of Salvation, Sword of the Spirit)
 - Belt of Truth (Jn 14:26)
 - Breastplate of Righteousness:

- Gospel Shoes: Eph.6:19,20
- Shield of Faith: 2 Thess 2:13
- Helmet of Salvation: Romans 8:10,11
- Sword of the Spirit: 2 Tim.3:16 (All Scripture is God breathed- Came through the Spirit - 2 Pet.1:21, (God moved through the Spirit to pen God's Word)-

5. Ben highlighted the passage from Romans 8:26,27. How does the Spirit help us in our prayers? What are the implications of this truth?

- *²⁶In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. ²⁷And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.*

6. Ben focused on the idea of "praying without ceasing". In other words to be God conscious and see everything in reference to Him. How do you go about practicing "the presence of God" in your life? Also how can you grow at praying Scripture?

TAKING IT HOME

7. How can prayer change the situations you find yourself in? (Conflict, Stress, Confusion, Anxiety, etc) Which one of those today do you feel you are struggling with the most?
8. Paul, in one of the most difficult circumstances (chained in jail), asks for prayer, but not for his circumstances to change; instead, he asked for prayer to proclaim the Gospel in the midst of his circumstance. What circumstance are you in today that is difficult? How could your focus change to pray for God to use me today to share the gospel in the midst of your circumstance?
9. Ben talked about the importance of praying for others and how it can be a blind spot for many believers (making supplication for all the saints). During your prayer time, take some time to think about others you can pray for today. (persecuted church, believers around the world, hope chapel).

PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAISES