GROUP GUIDE

<mark>GOAL</mark>

This week's discussion will help us understand the value in our prayer life for others and ourselves.

CONVERSATION STARTERS

- How was everyone's week? Any Praise Reports/Testimonies of what God is doing?

REVIEW

Ask group members to share their favorite points from the sermon,/what spoke to them/questions. **START by sharing YOUR favorite points/what spoke to you**

SCRIPTURE AND MAIN POINTS

Point #1 was "GOD HEARS THOSE WHO WORSHIP HIM"

- Read **1 John 5:13-14** talk about how in order to be confident that God hears, our prayers should be accompanied by a lifestyle of worship.
- Read **1** Corinthians **2:16** and **2** Chronicles **7:14** Talk about how we begin to know the mind of Christ through a lifestyle of worship and repentence.

Point #2 was "PRAY FOR GOD'S WILL – NOT YOURS"

- **Read 1 John 5:14-15** Discuss the idea of asking for things that please God vs you.
- **Read James 4:2-3 and Philippians 4:19** talk about motives in prayer and how they can affect God answering you. How does God supply your needs?

Point #3 was "PRAY WITH CONFIDENCE - NOT WORRY"

- Read 1 John 5:15 how does confidence prayer with knowing HE WILL answer prayer?
- Read **Psalm 27:14** talk about patience in your prayer life.

Point #4 was "PRAY FOR LIFE"

- **Read 1 John 5:16-17** Discuss praying for a believer vs a non believer. What is the difference in praying for life with a believer, vs non-believer who does not have life?
- How should we pray for life? What does that mean?

Point #5 was "LIVE IN YOUR RESTORED POSTURE WITH GUARDS"

- Read 1 John 5:18-21 if the evil one can not touch believers, why put up guards?
- Talk about what living according to lies does to your relationship with God.

WRAP UP

Read **Romans 8:31-39** – go through each verse and talk about how the enemy tries to deceive us through lies and deceptions and how we are to battle through this – what does this have to do with your prayer life?

PRAYER REQUESTS

Ask for prayer requests and write them down – as the group leader, pray for these requests during your week and make sure they are posted to the GROUP page on FB with who came to group.

<mark>END IN PRAYER</mark>