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PRAYER AT
THE HEART



SALTY

Series 1 | Weeks 5 - 8



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INTRODUCTION

Jesus called us to be salt and light (Mt. 5:13-16). Light exposes, it penetrates. Salt doesn't work until it makes contact. Its power is not in penetration but integration.

Ancient cultures were organized tribally. Our culture is a collage of professional tribes, each with their language, colleges and training institutions, rank and file, certifications and specialties. Our mission of love and grace, then and now, is most effective, from the inside-out.

You are called to, by Jesus, to be salt and light.

The purpose of a SALTY GROUP is simply to meet and pray. Prayer builds an invisible altar. It invites God. In prayer, you host God in the marketplace, "*Where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them*" (Mt. 18:20). Prayer, that invokes God's name in a worshipful way, invites His presence. You are a temple, for His glory, lively stones fitted together (1 Peter 2:5).

Is it possible that God has called you to your workplace, for the purpose of hosting Him in that place?

A SALTY GROUP is a workplace triad or quad of Christians, praying:

- S Supplicating**, prayer support group, interceding for one another and their workplace peers, sincerely praying to be sweet incense in the marketplace.
- A Asking** God for a spiritual awakening at their workplace, for an anointing to carry the presence of God at work, to be aware of the spiritual environment of their workplace, to hold one another gently accountable to be a godly witness.
- L Loving** others, praying for grace to live a Christ-like life, to be a light in what might be a dark place,
- T Truthing**, telling the truth, speaking the truth in love, talk (speech) be seasoned with salt, tempered Christians, all the while,
- Y Yielding** to the Holy Spirit, yearning for a Great Awakening, the day God came to work with them, and the workplace becomes alive with His Presence – SALTY!

Recommendation for Meetings: Once a week for thirty minutes.

1. Pray the salty guide.
2. The group typically meets off the radar screen, stealth, not calling attention to itself.
3. The goal is not a large group, but a proliferation of small triads and quads, each striving to be saltier salt, and brighter lights.

PRAYER SUGGESTIONS

- Focus your prayers for a few.
- God is already on the move.
- Pray along with what God is already doing.
- Find joy in working with Him.
- Pray your way into their story.
- Pray God's word, the promises.
- Pray God's purpose.



***Persistent, life-giving prayer for others...
leads to opportunities to care, displaying God's love...
that opens the way to share the gospel, declaring God's love.***

SUGGESTED SALTY GROUP FORMAT

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Hi and How are you - Settling in	3-5 minutes
READ and REFLECT on the devotion	7-10 minutes
INTERCEDE in behalf of your workplace	7-10 minutes
PRACTICE prayer ideas of the week	3-5 minutes
PRAY for one another using the SALTY acronym as a guide	5 minutes



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Seek God for The Great Commission

SERIES 1: WEEK 5

“Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature!” (Mark 16:15).

READ DEVOTIONAL

Lord, I wonder how I would have felt if I had been standing in the crowd when you uttered those words, “Go, tell the nations!” Would I have looked around and asked, “Who is he talking to?” If you had made eye contact with me, would I have looked behind me to see if you were gazing at someone else?

So much had happened. The miracles. The mind-bending teaching. The healings. The crowds—everywhere we went. The confrontations. The radical ideas. And then came the bloody crucifixion followed by the mind boggling resurrection and the astonishing ascension. After all that has happened, you tell us to go, take the gospel to every creature.

How then can they call on the One in whom they have not believed? And how can they believe in the One of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone to preach? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” (Romans 10:14-15).

You’re waiting for my answer, aren’t you Lord? Am I going to go? Will I break my silence and share? Anywhere? Everywhere?

Eight or eighty, rich or poor, white-collar or blue-collar—help me now to say, “I am willing to go. I will no longer be silent!”

Pray:

- For the two billion people who have not yet heard about Jesus. Most of them live in areas dominated by Islam, Buddhism and Hinduism. They are the poorest of the world’s poor.
- That you would be a light for the Gospel to those who are near: in your workplace, your neighborhood, your family.

INTERCEDE

Seek God on Behalf of those whose heart is hard to the Gospel.

Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples (Psalm 96:3).

Lift up those who have been hurt by the church, praying that the wounds would be healed, and any false images of God torn down. Pray for those of other faiths, that they would yield to the One true God. Intercede on behalf of those who are anti-religious, the persecutors of the church. Pray that they would have Saul-to-Paul conversions.

PRACTICE WALK

Tell someone today, a neighbor or a co-worker, “I am a Christian!” Say it. Make it public. “I am a Christian who wants so much to obey Christ and tell others about his love.” Make a list of at least five people you care about who need a closer relationship with Christ. Begin to pray for them daily.

PRAYER QUOTE

Prayer is an end to isolation. It is living our daily life with someone. With him who alone can deliver us from solitude... He is ever present. Intimately. Prayer makes us aware of his presence, which we might not realize if we did not pay attention.

Georges Lefebvre

Seek God for His Desires For All People To Be Saved!

SERIES 1: WEEK 6

I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions ... be made for all men ... this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved” (1 Tim. 2:1-4).

READ DEVOTIONAL

Lord, Muslims pray anywhere and everywhere; devout Jews pray on jets headed for Jerusalem; Hindus maintain altars in their homes. Forgive me if I have ever felt ashamed to pray in public for a meal. You aren't calling us to be a spectacle. You simply want boldness, tempered with humility.

We have made prayer about ourselves. Yet, when you taught us to pray, it was with a cosmic focus, “Thy kingdom come ... on earth as in heaven!” You want us to envision an in-breaking wave of your glory and grace, city-impacting, nation changing, world revolutionizing prayers.

“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet” (Matthew 5:13)

We suppose that you would keep working without our praying. But in truth, our prayers invite a manifestation of your convicting grace on the hearts of friends and foes. Prayer opens doors for salvation experiences in individual lives and in nations! Lord, You could work alone, but you have chosen us as partners.

Help me today to pray for men everywhere, to sense your compassion for people I barely notice. Save someone today, someone dear to me. Then, save another that I will only meet in heaven.

Pray:

- Pray for five people today—let the Lord lead.
- Make a mental note of each one. “The man at the bus stop (lonely); the new receptionist (pregnant); my spouses’ brother who just called; a colleague; the star of (TV show).”
- Pray that God will reveal himself and that their heart(s) will be opened to respond to His love.

INTERCEDE

Seek God on Behalf of those who are not confident sharing their faith.

“and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel” (Ephesians 6:19, ESV).

Praise God for his love that extends to all people. Pray for boldness in the hearts of all those who feel uncertain sharing their faith. Invite the Spirit to open our eyes to see people with compassion.

PRACTICE WALK

Ask someone to share their “God-story” with you. Listen carefully and with humility. Thank them for sharing. You could practice this with a friend or co-worker who you know follows Christ. Then, watch and pray for an opportunity to hear the story of an unbeliever.

PRAYER QUOTE

“Christians have always believed that it does make a difference when you pray for someone. Not just in you and your attitude, but in the possibilities for the other person.”

John Killinger

Seek God for Every Tribe and Every Tongue

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“And they sang a new song, saying, ‘You are worthy to take the scroll, and open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation’” (Revelation 5:9).

READ DEVOTIONAL

Jesus, what will Heaven be like—what a celebration! From every time, tribe, tongue, and nation. You have determined to leave no one out. Lord, I make the determination now, by the mystery of prayer, to walk down streets of foreign villages, to stand in front of impoverished huts, to venture into jungles and pray for them to know you. Through the mystery of prayer, I will travel the globe. By Your Spirit, show me their faces.

You shall treat the stranger who sojourns with you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God (Leviticus 19:34).

I have always thought of Heaven as a kind of family reunion. Today, I amend my vision. I want to stand by at least one person from another continent, another people group, another language. At least one person for whom my prayers made a difference, knowing that they are in heaven because of my prayers. And maybe God, my intercession will start the connection that wins a whole family, community, or people group. God, give me greater confidence in my own prayers.

Prayer knows no time-space bounds. Today, take me on a global prayer walk—to people who have never heard about Jesus.

Pray:

- Get a global map.
- Let God lead you to a nation—look up the facts.
- Who lives there? How many are Christians? Find pictures of the land, information about the nation. Intercede with information. Be an informed intercessor.
- Ask God to put one soul on your heart—a mother, a child, a ruler, a dictator, a sincere but misguided holy man. Pray.

INTERCEDE

Seek God on Behalf of the Stranger

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares (Hebrews 13:2).

Praise God that He is the God who knows us—all of us. Pray for open hands to serve, open eyes to see the image of God in them, open ears to hear their stories, and an open heart to love as He first loved us. Pray that the stranger may become a friend, for that is what Heaven will look like.

PRACTICE WALK

Last week, you asked someone to share their “God-story” with you. This week, look for an opportunity to share your God-story with them. Let the Holy Spirit guide what you share. Trust in the promises of God, that we will overcome by the words of our testimony.

PRAYER QUOTE

“You can do more than pray after you’ve prayed, but you cannot do more than pray until you have prayed.”

John Bunyan

They will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons. You will be brought before kings and rulers for My name's sake. (Luke 21:12)

READ DEVOTIONAL

Lord, we are hearing of incredible breakthroughs around the world. And then heart wrenching setbacks. We heard about the great revival in Korea 100 years ago. So powerful was that move of God that the capital city was called “the second Jerusalem.” And then Japanese rule came. Soon, pagan beliefs were introduced into Korean culture. Finally, ancient sun worship was imposed—full blown paganism. Pagan ceremonies were inaugurated in public schools to capture the next generation. North Korea was plunged into darkness. Today, it remains the most hardened atheist state on the planet.

Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison (Colossians 4:2-3).

O God—all over the earth we find ourselves in a cosmic showdown, a modern contest of the gods. Help us to remain faithful. Reveal yourself as alive! Our lack of resolve may close whole nations to the gospel; our bold obedience may open doors that can never be closed. Here, in our own back yard, we are being asked to bend and bow to cultural concessions loaded with moral and spiritual implications. We never expected these choices here in North America. Make us a worthy example to a watching world.

Pray:

- Pray for nations resistant to the gospel—that God would open their doors to the gospel.
- Pick out a head-of-state from a nation that is not Christian. Print off a picture. Google facts about them. Adopt that leader for prayer.

INTERCEDE

Seek God on Behalf of the Oppressed

“Learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow’s cause” (Isaiah 1:17).

Thank God that He cares for those who are in need! Think of the real, felt needs all around you. Intercede for the homeless man on the corner; pray for the mother who lost a child; pray for individuals affected by layoffs; but most of all, pray for those who are oppressed for their faith.

PRACTICE WALK

Last week, you shared your “God-story” with someone. This week, keep the conversation going. Share God’s story with them—the Gospel. It is the reason for your hope. Pray for an open door, for ears that will hear, for a heart ready to respond in faith to the gift of God’s grace.

PRAYER QUOTE

“We must begin to believe that God, in the mystery of prayer, has entrusted us with a force that can move the Heavenly world, and can bring its power down to earth.”

Andrew Murray

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