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PRAYER GUIDE
5 FEBRUARY THROUGH 12 FEBRUARY 2017

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WEEK BEGINNING 5 FEBRUARY

1. Get in groups of two.
2. Read the scripture and reflection out loud together.
3. Pray together. First praying for yourself and then each other as the Spirit leads.

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 1:8-9 – JESUS TO DISCIPLES. “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

REFLECTION: Even having known Jesus in the flesh, the disciples were not equipped to tell others about him until they had received the power of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Like the disciples, we need that same power because expanding the kingdom is the Spirit’s work in and through us. We get to participate in sharing God’s goodness! And God wants to change us in the process. He wants to get rid of the prejudice, self righteousness and apathy we have towards people. He wants to show us his heart for people. He wants to convert us again and deepen our love and faith. We don’t have to “get it right” either. We don’t even begin

to have all the answers. We tell people what a mess we are and how we find help out of the mess through Jesus. We don’t have to perform or pretend. We only need to be to be willing to love people with the love of Christ. Being a good friend is the starting point.

PRAYER: (Pray for yourself first, then for each other)

1. Pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on your life.
2. Be honest and pray out to God anything in your heart that might keep you from praying right now. Are you feeling anxious? Burdened? Pray it out to God.
3. Ask God to show you any prejudice, self righteousness or apathy in your heart about people in your life.
4. Ask God for the name of one person that you could befriend and love.
5. Pray for that person by name and for your own heart to be expanded in friendship so that the Holy Spirit can do his work of drawing them to Jesus. Jesus does the saving. We do the loving and befriending.

WEEK BEGINNING 12 FEBRUARY

1. Get in groups of two, preferably with the same partner as last week.
2. Read the scripture and reflection together.
3. Pray together. First praying for yourself and then each other as the Spirit leads.

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 4:23-29 – PRAYERS OF EARLY CHURCH FOR PETER.

On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them. When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. “Sovereign Lord,” they said, “you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David: ‘Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against his anointed one.’ Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness.

REFLECTION: The Spirit clearly led the disciples to pray for boldness instead of retreating when they felt intimidated or threatened. We, too, might feel like giving up when faced with challenging people or situations. Our “persecution” might look different: we may fear an

awkward relationship with someone at work, or ridicule from a family member, or tension with a neighbor. It takes a heart of love to press on and live out the gospel anyway. It helps to remember that the Holy Spirit goes before us and is with us. We have what we need, and we are never alone.

PRAYER: (Pray for yourself first and then each other)

1. Pray for the Spirit to fill you with God’s love and boldness.
2. What fears keep you from befriending those who do not know Jesus? Pray out any fears or resistance in your heart.
3. Pray for the person God brings to mind, the one he wants you to befriend and love.

