

# LifeGroup Deep Dive | 40 Days of Invitation — Week Two: Pray First

Week of March (Week 2)

**Main Passage:** *Colossians 4:2–4*

**Supporting Passages:** *1 Timothy 2:1–4; Matthew 9:37–38; Ezekiel 36:26; John 6:44; James 5:16*

## Culture Code Emphasis:

Presence > Preference

**Main Idea / Question:** *If prayer prepares the ground, are we actually doing the quiet work before expecting visible fruit?*

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## PORCH TALK

*(Intentional, relational, accountability-focused)*

### Leader Setup:

Last week we named our “one.” This week we move from awareness to intercession. Before we ever extend an invitation, we cultivate the ground through prayer.

### Conversation Starters (choose 3–4):

- Who did you write down as your “one,” and what did you learn about them this week?
- What makes it easy — or difficult — for you to consistently pray for someone else?
- When have you seen prayer change your posture toward a person?
- Why do you think God invites us to pray before we act?

### Anchor Verse:

“Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving.” —  
Colossians 4:2

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## LIVING ROOM

### 1) Prayer Before Pressure — Why intercession comes first

**Read:** Colossians 4:2–4; Matthew 9:37–38

**Context:** Paul doesn't start with outreach tactics — he starts with devoted prayer.

**Say:** We often want visible impact, but Scripture consistently shows that spiritual movement begins in hidden places of prayer.

**Ask (go slow):** Where are you tempted to skip prayer and move straight to action? How might prayer be preparing you — not just your “one”? What would change if you truly believed God is already working in their story?

- **Accountability Challenge (Week Two — Part 1)**

**Pray daily for your one for the next 7 days — even if it's only 30 seconds.**

*(Leaders: ask everyone to set a daily reminder right now.)*

### 2) Only God Softens Hearts — Releasing the pressure

**Read:** Ezekiel 36:26; John 6:44; 1 Timothy 2:3–4

**Context:** Our role is faithfulness; God's role is transformation.

**Say:** Prayer reminds us that salvation is not our performance — it is God's work. Intercession keeps us dependent and humble.

**Ask:** Where do you feel pressure to “produce” spiritual results? How does prayer free you from carrying what only God can carry? What specific breakthrough are you asking God for in your one's life?

- **Accountability Challenge (Week Two — Part 2)**

**Write a simple 3-line prayer for your one and save it in your phone.**

*(Example: “God, soften their heart. Open a door. Help me walk in love.”)*

### 3) Faithfulness Over Feelings — Building a prayer rhythm

**Read:** James 5:16; Luke 18:1 (reference)

**Context:** Persistent prayer forms persistent people.

**Say:** Most spiritual impact is built through quiet consistency, not emotional intensity. The goal is not hype — it's habit.

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**Ask:** What usually disrupts your prayer consistency? When have small faithful steps produced unexpected fruit in your life? What rhythm will help you stay faithful this week?

- **Accountability Challenge (Week Two — Part 3)** *Pair up and text your prayer partner midweek with one update about your prayer journey.*

## AFTER GLOW

**Read:** 1 Timothy 2:1–4; Matthew 9:38

**Say:** Before God moves publicly, He often invites His people to pray privately. Intercession is not passive — it is participation in what God is already doing.

### Reflect Together:

- What resistance did you feel this week when trying to pray?
- Where might God already be stirring in your one's life?
- What would bold faith look like in your prayers this week?

### Reflection Verse:

“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people.” — 1 Timothy 2:1

## LEGACY WEEK TWO CHALLENGE

This week we move from intention to intercession.

### Your Next Steps:

- Pray daily for your one (minimum 30 seconds)
- Use your written 3-line prayer
- Text your prayer partner midweek
- Watch for one small way God may already be working

### Leader Charge

**Don't just think about your one — fight for them in prayer. Because...What we consistently bring before God, we begin to see through God's eyes.**

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