

Prayer (1 of 3)
Small Group Discussion Questions

Join our congregation for worship in-person or online at 10:30 am each Sunday via our [Grantham Church YouTube Channel](#). If you ever miss a message, the sermons are always posted to the [recent sermons page](#) at our website and at the [Grantham Church Podcast](#) the following day, along with the small group discussion questions under Worship Resources. Thank you for staying connected with us!

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Sermon Series Focus: Throughout the Scriptures and church history, every spiritual awakening and renewal was founded on intense, corporate, Kingdom-centered prayer. Therefore, we must see prayer as being about more than going to God for our own spiritual and physical needs, or for the purpose of personal growth. In addition to those things, we must see prayer as our cry for more of the Kingdom! What does the Bible say about this? And what might it look like if we begin to pray this way at Grantham?

Sermon Title: Our Call For Help

Scripture Reading: Exodus 14:10; 2 Chronicles 7:11-22; Psalm 107:13-14

Sermon Focus: To some extent or another, we are all sensing that the world is in trouble. Our country is divided, coronavirus rages on, the whole earth is groaning, and there is no end in sight. And even more concerning, the Church seems to have lost her way and is in desperate need of an awakening. In the first installment of our series on prayer, listen as Pastor David shares how we need to collectively call on God for help.

Thank you for going deeper in conversation with your small group in person, by phone, or video call. Use the following questions to help *guide* your small group discussion:

1. Read 2 Chronicles 7:11-22 together. What jumps out at you in this text? While this was first written for ancient Israel when Solomon dedicated the new temple, how might we connect and apply this to our own time and context?
2. Pastor David said that he was feeling especially burdened for the Church today. Do you share this burden? What ways do you see that the Church has lost her way? What do we need to confess and repent of in order to return to God?
3. Many times, the Scripture says that God's people "cried out to the Lord" and then he responded through deliverance, awakening, and renewal. What might it look like for the Church to voice a corporate cry for God to help us in our mess? What might it look like for Grantham Church to pray for a divine breakthrough?
4. Pastor David said that in order for us to receive and experience God's help and deliverance, we must first come to a place where we...
 1. See the darkness in us, the church, and the world
 2. Humbly admit that we need a divine breakthrough
 3. Persistently voice a *corporate* call for help!

Which one of these do you see as our greatest challenge?

5. Take some time as a group to list some things below that we should be praying for corporately regarding the health and future of our own congregation.
For example... What are our greatest needs? What concerns you most when it comes to our spiritual health and witness? Where do we need to repent? Where do we need God's wisdom and provision to make disciples? We invite you to make a list and spend the rest of your group time in prayer together.