

LOVE *Where You* LIVE

A Neighboring Project of the Senatobia Church of Christ • LifeGroups Study for October 16, 2016 • **“PRAYER”**

ICEBREAKER

- Are you a DIY (do it yourself) person, or do you always call a pro? Have you ever begun a project or task, and quickly realized you needed help from others to get it done?

THE TEXT

- Read aloud the text for this series: **Matthew 22. 35-40.**
Read aloud the text for this lesson: **Matthew 9. 35-38.**

THE SERMON

- In today's text Jesus ministered to a rather large area in a relatively short amount of time. What was the focus of his message?
- The hallmarks of his ministry at this time were:

TEACHING • HEALING • COMPASSION

How can we continue to minister to people in these ways?
What might each of them look like in our community today?

- What is the nature of the exchange between us and God in prayer, considering he knows our every need?
- If prayer is a response to seeing the needs around us, what are some of the most important things we need to be praying fervently about:

FOR OUR COMMUNITY?

FOR OUR REGION?

FOR OUR NATION?

FOR THE WORLD?

- Read **2 Corinthians 12. 7-10.** How is God's power made perfect in our weakness? What attitudes stand in the way of our willingness to admit our weaknesses?

REFLECT

- Prayer is the proper response to seeing and recognizing a need that is beyond our capacity. What sometimes keeps us from immediately responding by praying?

- In what ways can prayer be best utilized when it comes to being loving neighbors? In regard to being better at what Jesus said matters most, what might you pray:

FOR YOURSELF?

FOR YOUR NEIGHBOR?

- Who are some harvest workers you know you can call on when there is a need for teaching, healing, or compassion?
- How might “unanswered” prayers actually bolster our faith in God and his plans and purposes? How is Jesus an example of this; what was his response to unanswered prayer?
- What happened immediately as a result of Jesus call to prayer for harvest workers? (Matt 10)

CHALLENGE

As you continue to meet and learn about your neighbors, pray for them regularly, for needs you know about, and for those that only God knows about. Pray for interaction opportunities with your neighbors, and listen to them more than you talk to them.

PRAYER

Father in the name of your son Jesus we pray... Help us to become better and better at what your son said matters most, loving you, and loving our neighbors. Give us the resolve to engage with you in prayer, and engage with our neighbors at every opportunity you present to us. Lord of the harvest, we need workers. Help us by your strength to become what we need: workers in your kingdom. Amen.