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## Community Group Questions

### Take time to pray through the Six:Eight Prayer Foci for 2019

*If the Holy Spirit gives anyone a specific word for the church  
share them with the other Community Group Leaders.*

1. **FREEDOM:** Pray against spiritual attack on our church body & its members, so that kingdom ministry goes unhindered.
2. **SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION:** Pray we'd abide in the Presence of Christ, honoring the Word & Spirit of God, being transformed & becoming more effective in witness. That we'd be drawn deeply into worship & prayer in powerful ways this year.
3. **LEADERSHIP:** Pray for leadership to be filled with the knowledge of the Word & power of the Spirit, operating out of the two as gracious strong servant leaders.
4. **MINISTRIES:** For all 8 church ministries to run smoothly, having all current & future resources provided for them to thrive (*Kids, Community Groups, Kingdom Opportunities, Stewardship, Impressions, Worship Arts, Prayer, Missions*).
5. **LOCAL EVANGELISM:** That we'd preach the Word boldly & minister in the power of the Spirit to see people come to faith & publicly declare that through baptism. - for divine openings with neighbors, coworkers, friends & Community Partners.
6. **CROSS-CULTURAL MISSION:** To be a 'House of Prayer for all Nations' (Isaiah 56:7), obedient to the Great Commission (Mt 28:18-20), overflowing to our Kinship Network relationships reaching Arab world Muslims, and other mission endeavors of the church.
7. **GIVING:** Pray that we'd be stretched in faithful giving of our financial resources in order not to be hindered in our kingdom ministry as a church.

## Study Questions

1. **ICEBREAKER:** One person gives their testimony! Listen to their story quietly, then spend a minute in silent prayer before the Holy Spirit about it. Allow the Spirit to speak into what was said, then share anything of encouragement with that person.
2. Read Romans 15:13 prayerfully out loud to your group...is this an attainable life? And what makes this happen?
3. Does the concept of ownership make you bristle? For instance, asking the question of who owns you & all that you are? Read Lev 23:55/Rev 5:9-10/1 Co 6:19-20/Rm 6:18 - what words or phrases are used to describe Gods people now? Are these offensive to you?
4. We said the original readers would've understood the word 'slave' as 'bond-servant'; a person who willingly submitted themselves as slave to another. And that these bond-servants would enjoy all the benefits & covering of the masters household.
5. It may be lengthy, but read the 1st three chapters of Genesis in the round.
  1. Think about Creation vs Creator as you read.
  2. Think about what the Fall meant to our psyche - how was ownership transferred, and what is the lie of ownership we believed?
6. Discuss the following quotes below - do you agree? Are they difficult?
  1. *"Twelve of Jesus' thirty-eight parables had to do with money, as did 1/6th of the Gospels of Matthew, Mark & Luke. It's now clear to me, pastors have a responsibility to preach & teach about money, for Christians can't grow to maturity until their hearts & minds are conformed to Scripture on their use of money."* (John Wimber)
  2. *'Every Christian needs two conversions. One for the soul & the other for his pocketbook.'* (Martin Luther)
  3. *'Make all you can, save all you can, give all you can.'* (John Wesley)
  4. *"So where does God tell us first to invest his money? In the kingdom of God, in tithes & alms (sacrifices beyond tithes). Formerly I taught that a tithe was not necessarily 10 percent. But now I'm convinced from Scripture that it is at least that, and that it should be given to the local church. Christians need to understand, from the Bible, their responsibility to give generously to God's work."* (John Wimber)
  5. *"If a person gets his attitude toward money straight, it will help straighten out almost every other area in his life."* (Billy Graham)
7. Read Mt 6:24 & Lu 14:33 - are these statements just a little too extreme? Or is Jesus just sharing an axiomatic truth which has been true since the beginning of Creation?
8. Challenge your group to consider how they are giving 'everything' to Jesus? How are they glorifying Jesus with all that they are & have? Make this a silent personal prayer time, and end by praying blessing over them.