

Series: Barrier Breaking Faith	Reference: Hebrews 11:7; Genesis 6:13-22	Title: Vehicles of Deliverance	Date: 05.19.19
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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:** Take 2 minutes silently and meditate on Dallas Willards quote: *“Hurry is the great enemy spiritual life in our day. You must ruthlessly eliminate hurry from your life”* Which areas of your life are simply busyness which you could cut out? How can you simplify in order to see Christ more clearly? Jot these down and share them with the group.
2. Read & Discuss Rob’s imaginative prayer/vision for us, what do you think of it? Do you feel too quiet, too weird, too young, too old, or whatever?? How would your outward & inward life look differently than it currently does if you were able to engage as this vision dictates?
 1. *“Sunday toward the end of the service my mind was moved toward the unqualified & how God is calling the unqualified among us. I think He's asking us to step out, to take risk for Him in relationship, in prayer, in listening & in speaking & just in showing up & letting Him work through us. He wants us to partner in bringing His Kingdom to earth - even in what we may overlook & pass off as small ways. We are not too young, too old, too quiet, too weird, too whatever to engage in what He has for us. We were created by Him to do great things for Him & He wants to remind us of that. We don't have to know everything or achieve a special level of spirituality to get started. He wants us to seek His heart & His word & know Him better in the process, but He also wants us doing stuff & trusting Him as we go.”*
3. Do a prayerful reading of Hebrews 11:7, moving on to Genesis 6:9-22. Read aloud slowly both texts with silence in between and afterwards. Allow the passage to soak in; read it twice like this.
4. In Genesis 6:5, it says
 1. *5 The Lord saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time.*
 2. Prayerfully consider Noah’s time with ours. How is it similar? How is it different? *(Careful not to get caught in the weeds of culture bashing, that is not our purpose together...simply compare.)*
5. What is the hope that is here now already for all people?
6. We said: ***Barrier Breaking Faith believes what hasn't happened yet & acts accordingly.***
 1. Have you ever imagined something then saw it come to fruition? Can you share that with the group? What was it like to have that image in your mind come about to reality? What is godly about that?
 2. Has anyone ever been to the Temple Expiatori de la Sagrada Familia? Or some similar space? Can you describe it? How is that creative spirit reflective of God, and instructive of our faith?
 3. Have you ever believed God for something but it took years to see it happen? Are you in the middle of something like that now?
7. We said: ***Barrier Breaking Faith shows others how to be delivered.***

1. Our soul, which ties our bodies, will, minds, feelings & desires together, longs for God (Ps 42:1 - *As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God*)
 2. Are you reflecting Rm 7:15 in life? Are you experiencing spiritual entropy/decay?
 3. Or, are you practicing Rm 6:11-14 - if so, how does that look, or how could life look if you did?
 4. How is your soul??
8. We said: ***Barrier Breaking Faith exposes the world & receives righteousness.***
1. How do you feel about 2 Peter 2:9? Does it sound harsh, or encouraging?
 2. Does it bother you that sin/unrighteousness would be punished on the day of judgement?
 3. In Ephesians 4:1 Paul urges us to 'live a life worthy of the calling you have received.' Under grace this is a healthy challenge, under the Law it is an impossible task - in which way do you see it?
 4. What are your thoughts on John 16:7-11 in light of these thoughts? How does the Advocate (Holy Spirit) help? And what does it make you feel like to be a vehicle of both deliverance & conviction in the lives of others?
9. Do you...
1. Faithfully trust God can accomplish the impossible.
 2. Faithfully obey the commandments of Jesus to model to others who the true source of salvation is.
 3. Faithfully model & proclaim the Good News of Jesus, sharing our lives & our Savior with others around us who are destined for destruction apart from Jesus.