

<b>Series:</b> Leading Well	<b>Reference:</b> Exodus 31:1-11	<b>Title:</b> Identify	<b>Date:</b> 06.16.19
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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:** Do you have a favorite art form, artist, or work of art? What is it & why? How does this reflect the Story of God, Christ, or some Scriptural Truth either in the positive or negative voice?
2. Prayerfully read aloud Exodus 31:1-11, what do you notice, what sticks out to you?
3. Now thumb through the previous chapters of Exodus looking at the headings starting with chapter 19 leading up to 31 - what is happening in the nation of Israel at the time?
4. Now thumb through the chapters following through chapter 34 looking at the headings, what is about to happen?
5. Why does this time call for good teaching, training & representation (such as in art-forms) at this time?
6. Good leaders identify spiritual gifts in others, do you know what your spiritual gifts are? Are you using them? Would you benefit to know what they are? How do you get to play?
7. Do you see yourself as a part of being a kingdom of priests (bridge-builders to God), and a holy nation (set apart, special, pursuant of purity) as stated in Exodus 19:5-6? What does that mean?
8. How do you react to 2 Timothy 3:16 - are some words offensive? Do you base your decision making in all things in light of Scriptural Truth, and the historical orthodox teaching of the Church? Is this easy, or confusing?
9. How does Mt 28:18-20 reflect these passages we hear in the Old Testament?
10. If God calls leaders needed for the ministry in which He's called us to, do you feel like Six:Eight has all it needs to reach this community & beyond? What would hold us back if we do? Do you ever feel that question, "If only I/we had \_\_\_\_\_ we could do this better?" Why does that question derail us from ministry?
11. We said God fills leaders with the Holy Spirit to call them for ministry. What does that mean to be filled with the Spirit? Aren't we all already? What does it mean beyond the initial 'filling' - and how important is it to practice 'soul care' for us all as we do ministry? What happens if we do not, and simply work out of our own strength & knowledge? Have you seen examples of these concepts either in the positive or negative?
12. We said God raises up teams to serve with leaders, how do you see that played out in the ministry of Six:Eight? Where do you best fit in? Have you made the choices with your time, talent & treasure to pursue your place in ministry at Six:Eight?