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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:** They say people often don't remember what someone says, but how a person made them feel. Share a time when you felt empowered by someone else. What was it about them which made you feel that way? How did it build confidence in you?
2. Break up into 5 smaller groups. Each group read a chapter leading up to Acts 6 (Acts chapters 1-5). Prayerfully highlight things which stand out. What's happening? What's occurred leading up to Acts 6.
3. Come back together & each group pick a spokesperson to share what they saw in order of chapter to the larger group. Would you categorize this as an exciting time for the early church? How do you think they handled such exponential growth at times?
4. We said, *Good Things Happen even in the Midst of Chaos & Disorganization*. Do you see that to be true? Do you have examples from past church experience?
5. Right now, take 2 minutes & look up all the different roles of honeybees in a hive. How is a beehive reminiscent of a local church?
6. We said, *Good Leaders Know Their Purpose & Focus*. Recall some good leaders you've experienced in life. What was unique about them? How did they exhibit this honed focus, and how did they live out of purpose?
7. We said, *Good Churches Joyfully Nominate Servant Leaders under Biblical Direction*. Have you ever witnessed an organization or a church die off due to the unwillingness to embrace transition, and augment leadership for the future? Were you intimately involved in anything like that? How did it make you feel watching it happen?
8. We said, *Good Commissioning & Delegation Flourishes the Church & Multiplies Disciples*. What is the correlation between embracing transition, augmenting leadership, and positively commissioning more people in needed roles? Despite the sometimes tense feelings involved when transition occurs, aren't these exciting times as well?
9. How do we continue to pursue the Great Commission of Matthew 28:18-20 as a growing church by embracing transition, as well as augmenting structure & leadership to accommodate growth? What does that take internally in all our hearts/ thoughts? What does it take corporately & structurally?