



WEEK 2 – PRAY LIKE NEVER BEFORE

ICE BREAKER:

1. What is a quirky or unusual fear that you have?
2. What is one of your biggest pet peeves?

INTRODUCTION:

When it comes to solving spiritual problems, why is it that we're drawn to quick fixes and five-step programs instead of prayer? Every major move of God in my life has begun with prayer. Sadly, so many ministries and outreach programs are ineffective because prayer isn't taken seriously.

Prayer is nonnegotiable if we're going to change anything. Without it, we're simply outmatched—the problems are too great, and our abilities are too limited. It's incredibly naive to think that we have the skills and resources required to make a lasting difference.

What we do have is access to the Creator of all things, who is infinite in power, resources, and wisdom, and who inexplicably chooses to use us as part of his plan. Realizing this changes everything!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Reflect on the following statement: "Real moves of God are built on prayer, not strategy." Do you agree with this? How might this conviction change the way you act in the future?
2. What comes to mind when you think of God? Reflect on the idea that your view of God has a tremendous impact on your prayer life.
3. Read Hebrews 11:6. What are some desperate prayers God is asking you to pray?

NEXT STEPS:

1. Do an honest evaluation of your prayer life. In a given week, how much time do you spend in prayer?
2. Challenge yourself to double the current amount of time you pray each day.
3. Assess the types of prayers you pray. Are you praying unreasonable prayers? Persistent prayers?
4. Write down three unreasonable prayers and commit to praying them for thirty days straight.
5. Reflect on what comes to mind when you think of God. Does your view of God match what you see in the Bible?