

Small Group Discussion Guide

The Thing We Must Now Do the Most: For the week of April 19 - 25, 2020

Main Thought and Scripture:

After Jesus' resurrection and eventual ascension to heaven, the first disciples focused on prayer. This gave them the power to be witnesses in the midst of the crisis of persecution that was before them. As they prayed, God moved in power through signs and wonders, and many people came to faith in Jesus as a result.

*"And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the **prayers**. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles."
(Acts 2:42-43 ESV)*

"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth." (1 Timothy 2:1-4 ESV)

In the midst of our crisis, the thing we must do most now is P.U.S.H. (Pray Until Something Happens) or until we see breakthrough.

1. Pray for God to move in **power** and to bring **healing** to our land. (2 Chronicles 7:14)

As we pray, miracles can happen in our lives and in the lives of others, bringing a revival of faith to our land. We must pray specifically for our leaders, for *"kings and all who are in high positions..."*

2. Pray **continually** and in **unity** with other believers.

As we pray without ceasing in unity with other believers through our House of Prayer campaign, this crisis will come to an end and revival can break out around the world.

Example: When Pastor Camille Omo was a hospital administrator, she heard that a patient had died. The Lord spoke to her to pray for him. She rallied others to pray with her and together they prayed for him relentlessly. Miraculously, God raised the man back to life after being dead for over an hour to the astonishment of the doctors. She prayed for God to move in power and bring healing, and she rallied others to pray in unity with her continually until the breakthrough happened.

Discussion Questions:

- What stands out to you from the main thought and passages above and why?
- How have you been increasing your time in prayer in this season? What can you do to increase your level of prayer going forward?

Prayer: *Break into smaller groups to spend extended time in prayer. Take turns praying the targets below.*

- Pray for our local, national, and global leaders for godly wisdom and for their salvations.
- Pray that God will bring a miraculous breakthrough and crush COVID-19 by His power.
- Pray for those struggling in their health as well as financially that God will supply their every need.
- Pray for a revival of faith to breakout across the nation and the world as believers share the gospel.