

Small Group Discussion Guide

Praying With Power: For the week of April 25 - May 2, 2020

Main Thought and Scriptures:

*"...if my people, who are called by my name, **will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways**, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land." (2 Chronicles 7:14 NIV)*

- **Sin is the cause of all death, disease, and destruction in the world.** When we live in sin, we bring consequences into our lives. When we as a people live in sin, our society collectively experiences negative consequences.
- The healing of our land will follow the prayers of Christians who **humble themselves, seek God, and have turned from their own "wicked ways."**
- **This is called repentance**, a turning from sin and a turning towards God. All of us have areas in our lives where we need to turn from sin, and all of us can grow closer to God.
- The healing of our land starts with us.

"If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:8-9 NIV)

God often uses crisis to reveal our sin, negative emotions and behaviors. When we repent, He is faithful to forgive us—because of the sacrifice of Christ on the cross—and will bring hope and healing to our lives as individuals and our land collectively.

Reflection Questions:

- What negative emotions or behaviors have emerged in your life recently? What happened and what did you do about it?
- How can you repent of those things and grow closer to God during this season?

Prayer:

- Pray for one another in an area of struggle and to grow closer to God in this season.
- Pray for one friend or family member to come to know Jesus during this season of crisis.