

## Session 4:

# Intercession

## Small Group Study Guide

### 1. Introduce the session

5 minutes

#### Key verse

“Your kingdom come” – Matthew 6:10

- In this session, we’ll explore the power and importance of praying on behalf of others.
  - Begin the session by opening in prayer.
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### 2. Watch the Video

20 minutes

#### Bible passages

2 Chronicles 7:13-14, Exodus 17:8-13, Genesis 18:22-33

#### Summary points

- When God’s people intercede, God intervenes.
  - There is power in our free will.
  - 4 steps of intercession: get informed, get inspired, get indignant, get in synch.
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### 3. Discussion Questions

20 minutes

- Q. What did you find most helpful or most challenging in the video?
- Q. How do you feel about intercessory prayer – do you find it's something that comes naturally or is it more of a challenge?

**“Our free wills are powerful; they can release or restrict the purposes of God.”**

- Q. How does this affect the way that we come to God in intercessory prayer?
- Q. Have you ever had a feeling that you needed to pray for something or someone? What happened?

**“Prayer isn't about trying to get God to say amen to what I want; prayer is about me saying amen to God's will for my life”**

- Q. What would it look like for you to pray this week with this perspective?
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### 4. Do it

15 minutes

As a group, spend some time interceding for your community, town or nation. Follow the 4 steps Pete outlined:

1. **Get informed:** learn the facts by checking the news, or updates about the people you're praying for.

#### **Leader's note**

You might like to find some facts, prayer points or updates ahead of this session.

2. **Get inspired:** What is God saying about this? Invite the Holy Spirit to speak into the situations you're interceding for.
3. **Get indignant:** Engage your own heart and allow yourself to think and feel honestly as you pray.
4. **Get in synch:** engage together. You might like to all pray out loud at once, or pray in a circle so that everyone has a chance to pray and be heard.

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## Toolshed resources: Intersession

These can be found at [prayercourse.org/toolshed](https://prayercourse.org/toolshed)

- How to run a Non-boring Prayer Meeting
- How to Intercede for a Large Scale Crisis (the Three Ps)
- A Circle prayer