



Prayer
Sept 29
Mark 11:15-17

Leaders Guide
(Approximately 60 min)



Connect Spend time allowing group members to connect with one another relationally. (5 min)



Celebrate Ask how they've seen God working in their lives since you met last. (or relating to the previous meeting's discussion) (5 min)



Coach Facilitate discussion using the guide below (30 min)

Focus: Becoming a Praying Church

“My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations.”

Mark 11:17

Read through Mark 11:15-17 and share a couple of things that stand out to you.



Why is it important that the church pray?

Overview:

In the message Sunday we looked at how Jesus saw the church as a house of prayer for all nations. That is the power of a praying church that draws the nations into God's house.



Discussion Questions:

Question 1: What do you think drove Jesus to act so forcefully in the temple?

Question 2: What does it mean for West Park Church to be "a house of prayer for all nations," and how can we live out that calling in our daily lives?

Question 3: How do we balance the busyness of church programs with the priority of prayer, ensuring that prayer remains central in all we do?

Question 4: In what ways might we need to cleanse our own lives or church of distractions that hinder true worship?



EXPERIENCE: A time to apply

Here is a spiritual assignment: In your quiet time this week pray and reflect on the up, in, out teaching and spend time praying for the church.

Prayer Focus: Up

Pray for West Park to cultivate a vibrant relationship with the Lord and become a church deeply rooted in His love and devoted to prayer.

Prayer Focus: In

Why is it important to pray for unity and love among us as we grow closer to one another, truly embodying a multicultural, intergenerational spiritual family.

Prayer Focus: Out

Why is it important to pray for our outreach efforts, that the Lord will use us to bring the diverse people groups around us to Jesus.



Communicate

Share important information items with your group. (5 min)



Care

Spend time praying as a group. You may want to take specific prayer requests from your team members. (10 min)
