

For follow up study of the sermon on November 6, 2016

STUDY GUIDE: “WHAT’S GOING ON?”: “Praying”

Discussion Starters

1. How often do you pray for the President and national leaders?
2. What specifically do you pray for when you pray for those in authority?

Study:

3. Using an exhaustive concordance and/or topical Bible, discover everything you can about praying for others/the country/the government in the Bible. Note the passages you found and what they taught you below.

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4. To complete the next section of the study guide, you will need to use a Bible Dictionary. Remember, the words listed below are from the NASU, but the word you are trying to define is the Hebrew or Greek word translated by the NASU—NOT the English word. If you have any questions about how to use these tools, contact your group leader or one of the pastoral staff.

Define the following words or terms.

--“urge” (1 Timothy 2:1)—

--“entreaties” (1 Timothy 2:1)—

--“prayers” (1 Timothy 2:1)—

--“petitions” (1 Timothy 2:1)—

--“authority” (1 Timothy 2:2)—

5. Choose one of the words you looked up above, and write how understanding the meaning and background of that word better helped you understand this passage.

Taking It Home

6. Why do you think so many Christians fail to obey the scriptural commands about prayer for leaders?

7. What can you do to insure that you consistently pray for those in authority over you?

8. Take time right now (alone or with a group) to pray for those who are in authority over you (make sure it is truly prayer “for!”).