

Session 1: Chapter 1

“The Throne Room Above”

RECOMMENDED READING:

In Jesus' Name Intro & Chapter 1

Bible: Revelation chapter 4

MAIN IDEA:

We live in the throne room of Heaven.

WHY IT MATTERS:

Heaven is alive & active with prayer & we have access to the movement of Heaven.

APPLICATION:

Experience a transformed prayer life as a result of this revelation.

Intro

Heaven and earth are more closely linked than we realize & our prayers are more effective than we realize. When our eyes are opened to the wonder and the activity of Heaven, it should change the way we pray.

Read Together

Revelation 4

Watch

Video Session One

Discussion

1. What stood out to you from Chapter 1? Share why.
2. Pastor Steven said that desperation is a good reason to start praying. When has desperation ever led you to pray and would you be willing to share your experience?
3. The Bible teaches us that Jesus intercedes for us & Pastor Dubose talks about it here in such powerful language: “When we pray in the name of Jesus, we are offering our prayers up into the throne room to the One who intensifies them in the unique privilege of His relationship with God....The prayers upon His lips were like rivers, rivers of prayers streaming from the earth, through Him, and into the throne room of God.” How does it change your prayers to know that Jesus Himself prays to the Father for you?

4. Finally, how does it make you feel to know that our prayers don't expire, and to know that that they can be answered even after we have already entered eternity?

Session 2: Chapters 2 & 3

“Our Prayers Below” & “An Altar in Between”

RECOMMENDED READING:

In Jesus' Name Chapters 2 & 3

Bible: Daniel Chapters 6

MAIN IDEA:

Our prayers matter.

WHY IT MATTERS:

When we know that our prayers matter, we stay motivated to pray.

APPLICATION:

Develop a consistent prayer life based on faith.

Intro

Have you ever wondered if your prayers matter? We know that Heaven is constantly at work, moving in power and authority, but sometimes we forget the power of our own prayers.

Read Together

Daniel Chapter 6

Watch

Video Session Two

Discussion

1. What stood out to you from Chapters 2 & 3? Share why.
2. Have you ever struggled to believe that your prayers mattered? Why? Or what was that experience like?
3. How does knowing that your prayers make a difference change your approach to prayer?
4. Pastor Dubose's book talks about making an altar of prayer: not a physical altar, but a place and a time to pray. We know that we can pray all the time and we should, but what are some benefits of having daily altar: a specific time and place to pray?

Session 3: Chapter 4

“Building the Personal Altar”

RECOMMENDED READING:

In Jesus' Name Chapter 4

Bible: Hebrews 10; Matthew 6:5-15

MAIN IDEA:

Our life as a Christian is formed in the secret place of prayer.

WHY IT MATTERS:

We won't be all that God has called us to be or do all that He has called us to do if we aren't regularly spending time with Him in prayer.

APPLICATION:

Commit to building a personal altar in your life.

Intro

The old altars made of rock, wood and fire are gone, but God calls us to a daily altar, a meeting place with Him, where we become the living sacrifice. As we meet with God daily, we know Him better & become more and more who He has called us to be.

Read Together

Hebrews 10:1-25

Watch

Video Session Three

Discussion

1. What stood out to you from Chapter 4? Share why.
2. Removing what is displeasing to God: Pastor Rick says on page 65, “God points to something and allows you to recognize that it isn't pleasing to Him. You begin the work of removing... God helps you, but you have to do it.” Can you recall a time where God prompted you to remove something in your heart? How did you respond and what was the outcome of your decision?
3. Living for Others: On page 67, we are told, “We place our lives on the altar as an act of submission. We allow God to use us on His terms... You need an intentional act of surrender that frees you to live for others, for Him.” How has God shown you personally that your life is not your own, but is something to be shared so that others may know Him?

4. Practical Implementation: The author encourages believers to build your personal altar and to go to it daily. How can this be practically implemented in your life? What are things that currently keep you from doing this?

Session 4: Chapter 5

“Building the Core Altar”

RECOMMENDED READING:

In Jesus' Name Chapter 5

Bible: Exodus 17:8-16

MAIN IDEA:

YOU have been called to the mountain to pray; it's our responsibility, but you don't have to do it all, alone.

WHY IT MATTERS:

Victory comes when people take responsibility to seek God in prayer.

APPLICATION:

Say, “Yes!” to the sacrifice of prayer. Say, “Yes!” to supporting others in prayer.

Intro

We don't always like to be the ones who carry the load, but when we choose to carry the load in prayer, we see victory. We see victory in our lives and victory in other's lives.

Read Together

Exodus 17:8-16

Watch

Video Session 4

Discussion

1. What stood out to you from Chapter 5? Share why.
2. Understanding the Responsibility of Prayer: How does it affect your attitude towards prayer when you realize that persevering in prayer (like Moses persevered on the Mountain top with his hands lifted) can be the key to victory?
3. The Power of Prayer: Reflecting on Moses' example, how have you experienced the correlation between prayer and victory in your own life? Share instances where you did not give up in prayer and you experienced a breakthrough or victory?
4. Overcoming Resistance in Prayer: We know that the call to prayer can be a heavy one, especially when praying for something specific, and Pastor Dubose talks about the power

of a Core Altar - having others come along side you - like Aaron and Hur did for Moses. Has there been a time in your life when you've experienced the benefits of a Core Altar? Can you share a time in your life when you had partners in prayer and what was the outcome of that season of prayer?

Session 5: Chapter 6

“Building the Community Altar”

RECOMMENDED READING:

In Jesus' Name Chapter 6

Bible: Acts 4

MAIN IDEA:

We are called to pray as a Biblical Community.

WHY IT MATTERS:

There is power in unity.

APPLICATION:

We must practice corporate prayer.

Intro

The Church was never meant to be made up of isolated individuals but a corporate body working together to accomplish God's will on earth. When the church prays together the power of Heaven is released in a unique and impactful way.

Read Together

Acts 4: 23-31

Watch

Video Session 5

Discussion

1. What stood out to you from Chapter 6? Share why.
2. What difference has the Church Community made in your life and in your prayer life?
3. Why do you think a Community Altar is so powerful? When we have a strong Community Altar, what kind of responses can we expect both inside the Church and from the culture around us (spiritual resistance, spiritual break throughs) ?
4. On page 99, Pastor Dubose notes, “When the Church prayed, they did so based on Scripture and the promises of God.” Why is it important that we pray based on Scripture and on God's promises?

Session 6: Chapter 7

“Building the Miracle Altar”

RECOMMENDED READING:

In Jesus' Name Chapter 7

Bible: I Corinthians 2:4-5; Luke 5:17-26

MAIN IDEA:

God does miracles; He just requires a person and a place where he can do the supernatural.

WHY IT MATTERS:

We can't allow doubt and fear to get in the way of God's power.

APPLICATION:

Commit to building a miracle altar in your life.

Intro

We love to hear stories of God doing supernatural things, but so many times we believe the lie that God could never use us in that way. We falsely believe that we could never pray for the sick and see them healed. But what if Scripture makes it clear that God still does miracles today, and that he uses people just like you to accomplish those miracles?

Read Together

Luke 5:17-26

Watch

Video Session 6

Discussion

1. What stood out to you from Chapter 7? Share why.
2. Faith & Obedience: Page 105, Pastor Rick notes, “I had to decide if I had the faith to speak what I heard God saying. What I heard Him saying was that He was present to heal every person in the room.” Though it challenged him, Pastor Rick obeyed & told the congregation, “...I think God is telling me that he wants to heal every person in this room.” Can you recall a time when you had to decide between following your own plans or obeying what you felt God was telling you?

3. The Role of Miracles in Faith: Page 107 notes, "God uses miracles to validate His Gospel..." How do miracles contribute to the credibility of the Gospel message?

4. Pastor Rick encourages believers to actively engage in the ministry of healing by making room for miracles. How can this be implemented in your life? What challenges might you face when you decide to pray for people to experience healing?

Session 7: Chapter 8

“Building the Salvation Altar”

RECOMMENDED READING:

In Jesus' Name Chapter 8

Bible: Romans 10

MAIN IDEA:

Each altar points to the altar of salvation.

WHY IT MATTERS:

Praying for the lost to be saved is essential to an effective prayer life.

APPLICATION:

Commit to pray for the lost to find salvation in Jesus, and create a space for people to meet Jesus.

Intro

When you think about all the blessings and gifts God has given you, what is the first thing comes to mind? How often do we stop and think about the greatest gift of all: the gift of salvation?

Read Together

Romans 10:5 - 15

Watch

Video Session 7

Discussion

1. What stood out to you from Chapter 8? Share why.
2. The Goal is Salvation: Pastor Rick says on page 123, “If you work diligently to build each of the altars described and yet fail to create this final place where people meet Jesus [salvation altar], you’ve missed everything... worse, you’ve risked turning prayer into self-obsession.” How can our lack of concern for the lost, lead us to have a “self-obsessed” prayer life?
3. Taking the salvation altar with us: This chapter notes that the salvation altar, “must be more prominent than only the occasional concluding moment of some Sunday morning

services. We need to give people the opportunity to receive Christ wherever we are and wherever we go." What are some things that are keeping you from sharing the Gospel or inviting people to receive Christ outside of church?

4. The author encourages believers to be sensitive to the Spirit's leading when it comes to sharing the Gospel. Share when you've been prompted to pray for someone or to have a Gospel conversation with them? What was the result and what would you say to someone who struggles to share Jesus with others outside of church?

Session 8: Chapter 9

“Our Prayers Accumulate in Heaven”

RECOMMENDED READING:

In Jesus' Name Chapter 9

Bible: Revelation 5; Hebrews 11

MAIN IDEA:

Don't view your prayers as wasted, but view them as accumulating in Heaven.

WHY IT MATTERS:

When we know our prayers continue to exist, we are encouraged to keep praying.

APPLICATION:

Keep praying and keep believing, even if you don't see the answer (yet).

Intro

The prayers of the saints are the incense of Heaven (Revelation 5:8). Our prayers can outlive us, finding their fulfillment not in OUR time but at the RIGHT time. So we keep on praying and trusting God.

Read Together

Hebrews 11:13-16

Watch

Video Session 8

Discussion

1. What stood out to you from Chapter 9? Share why.
2. Daniel prayed continually for the Israelites to be brought out of captivity in Babylon, but Daniel did not live to see it happen. How is it encouraging knowing that your prayers can have an effect on generations to come? How is it discouraging to know your prayers may not get answered in YOUR lifetime?
3. Elijah waited for the hopelessness of sin to fully display itself before he intervened. How is this like our world today?
4. Knowing your prayers are never wasted, how does this affect your prayer life? How does this affect your faith?

Session 9: Chapter 10

“Control the Altar, Control the Outcome”

RECOMMENDED READING:

In Jesus' Name Chapter 10

Bible: Genesis 18:16 - 33

MAIN IDEA:

We have spiritual authority and influence over the world around us through prayer.

WHY IT MATTERS:

When we neglect prayer we forfeit participation in the outcomes of the world around us.

APPLICATION:

Step into the spiritual authority God has given you. Build a personal altar and start praying.

Intro

The kingdom of God works radically different than the way the world does: it's not the wealthy, the powerful or the famous who have the influence and power in Heavenly realms. In the Kingdom of God, it's those who have committed to building an altar of prayer in their life that have the real influence and authority.

Read Together

Genesis 18:16 - 33

Watch

Video Session 9

Discussion

1. What stood out to you from Chapter 10? Share why.
2. In 2 Chronicles 7:14, God shows us how to pray with spiritual authority: humble ourselves, seek the Lord, and turn from our own sin. These things give us authority in spiritual matters. It's not by a title, position or by our own strength or power, but by humbly accessing our relationship with God that we can influence matters spiritually.

Do you view yourself as having spiritual authority or as being subject to things beyond your control? When you read 2 Chronicles 7:14, are there some areas in your life that you need to submit to God before you can begin to walk in spiritual authority?

3. Pastor Rick says on page 156, "Whenever God calls you to do something, He gives you the authority to do it. You must accept the fact that you play a role in the outcome of your family, your church, your city and the world. You bear responsibility for it. The future of all you are responsible for is determined at the altar. It is determined by your willingness to go there and pray. You and I are called to pray."

Identify the areas where you can exercise spiritual authority (your sphere of influence & beyond). What are those areas and how can you pray more authoritatively and / or differently over those areas?

4. The idea that "whoever controls the altar, controls the outcome" means that those who persist in prayer, those who believe that their prayers matter, WILL see "greater things." How does this truth motivate you? How will your prayers change moving forward? What are you believing God for?