Grow Group

5 Expressions of Love

**Lesson #2 - Love Prays for Others**

**Read Luke 22:24-34**

* **Tell the story, then re-tell it again by going around the room having each person give a sound bite of the story.**

**I.** Jesus talks about greatness in **vss.24-27**. According to these verses, who does Jesus refer to as great?

* Love serves others!

**i).** According to **vs.32**, how did Jesus serve Peter?

* **Jam.5:16** *“Confess your trespasses to one another,* ***and pray for one another****, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.”*

**ii).** According to **Lk.5:16** and **John 17:20**, what was the secret to Jesus’ ministry?

Would you not agree that if Jesus needed to pray for others, we should too?

**iii).** List reasons why it’s so difficult to pray for others?

* What can we do to overcome these challenges?

**iv).** **Read Mt.5:43-44**

* Jesus commands us that we shouldn’t only pray for those we like or love, but for those that are not even close to us and/or mistreat us.
* Again from **Jam.5:16** (see above), comment on the possibility that praying for others may not only be for their sake, but for my sake?

**II.** We can pray for people without them knowing, but we see in **Lk.22:32** that Jesus let Peter know He was praying for him.

**i).** Have you ever told someone you are praying for them? If not, why not?

**iii).** Have you ever had some tell you they are praying for you? If yes, how did that make you feel?

**III.** How do we pray for people?

One of the things we have to be careful of when praying for others, is not asking God to do what He has already done or what He has asked us to do.

Therefore, look up the following verses, and determine what we should pray for:

**i). Luke 10:2** - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* We need to be careful not to ask God to save people. He already did everything necessary for people’s salvation. He wants the believer to take the message of the gospel to people. Maybe that’s you, but if not, it’s got to be someone else.

**ii). 2 Cor.4:3-4; Mt.16:19; Mt.12:29** - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* Spiritual warfare is getting the devil out of the way in order for people to respond in faith. (That’s what Jesus did with Peter in Lk.22:32)

**iii). Mk.1:35-38** - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* God will show us who we should talk to and build relationship with.

**iv). Mt.18:19** - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* Come into agreement concerning God’s will (according to His Word) and believe for provision, ie. jobs, marriages, family, financial issues, etc.)

**v). John 17:20-21** - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* Pray for the unity of the church.

**IV. Next Week**

**Love Informs Others - Read John 3:1-11**