

DIALED IN

DECLARE, LISTEN and ASK / John 14:12

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REVIEW: Last week, Pastor Miles began a new series on prayer. Like a TV or radio tuner, prayer can be dialed in to allow us access to the heavenly conversations *already in progress*. Pray for supernatural changes with frequent, fervent prayer.

Prayer Time

- * Desired discipline to establish _____.
- * Stronghold to break _____ . (wrong thoughts etc)
- * Place _____ (Bible, pen and paper).
- * Time of day _____ .
- * Length of prayer time: _____ .
- * Easter invite (3 names) _____, _____, _____ .

Adjust your life to spend time with God.

Ice Breaker: Did your prayer life change this week? If so, in what way?

Encouragement: Can anything but good come from God?

Where do the bad/negative thoughts we think come from?

(hint: ourselves and the enemy)

It is often easy to believe the bad things about ourselves. GOOD NEWS: Our brains are 'plastic' or moldable and declaring God's Word and truth subjects your mind to an active power of God.

Suggest breaking into groups of 2 or 3 for this portion.

Take a moment and think of an unusual or interesting TRUTH that most people don't know about you. (A truth does not change - examples: "I once had my picture taken with _____", or "My first job earning money was _____"). Say something positive or encouraging (without boasting!) silently to yourself about that TRUTH.

Now share within the micro-group. After someone shares the truth, the others respond with positive encouragement - DECLARE it out loud.

What was the difference between what was said to yourself in your head vs hearing something nice from others?

Declare LOUDLY to one another "God loves you!"

DECLARE

READ Hebrews 4:12 How is God's Word like a 2 edged sword?

Give an example of when you heard a Bible verse being spoken and it was as if the preacher had 'inside' knowledge of your situation.

LISTEN

(Consider being in groups of 2 or three)

READ John 10:27

The relationship between a good Sheppard and his sheep indicated a warm affection, powerful protection and abundant provision. In your micro groups, share examples when you felt affection, protection and provision from the Lord.

In Jesus' time, religious leaders (Pharisees) led the Jew's astray, just like a thief or strange sheppard might try and lure sheep away from the flock. How can we guard against being fooled or tempted by false teachers?

ASK (Go back to the larger group)

Read JOHN 14:12-14

Are the days of miracles over? What is your evidence?

In this passage, Jesus is responding to Phillip's request to see the Father (John 14:8). Were there more conversions to Christianity during Jesus' time on Earth or immediately after Peter's first sermon?

(Hint: look at end of Acts 2)

Next Steps: Spend a few moments in quiet reflection. Who can you invite to the Rock for Easter? Write down 3 names, and start praying for them to attend. This year, Easter is April 1st (no kidding). _____, _____, _____.

The most important relationship is the one with Jesus. Go back to the Ice Breaker question.

How can you make changes in your prayer life?

How much more time will you pray to Him?

What supernatural thing will you pray for?

More prayer time with God can be as simple as acknowledging God is there and waiting quietly with pen and paper for that small still voice.

Quote from Pastor Miles: (On the importance of working out and being in good shape) "It takes energy to walk by faith and obey God."

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