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DECLARE, LISTEN and ASK Part 2 / Revelation 2:7

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REVIEW: We join in progress the heavenly conversations already in progress by declaring a truth, listening for Spiritual guidance *then* asking for a blessing.

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: If you watched the Super Bowl, was there a commercial that stood out or was your favorite?

Consider how much time, thought and preparation was spent getting ready for an earthly event versus the time spent in weekly prayer.

ENCOURAGEMENT: Saying something out loud makes it easier to change our thinking because it makes a greater impression on our brain and how it 'maps' thoughts and beliefs. Think of a lie or negative thought the enemy has used over and over in your head. Now, turn to someone next to you and share one of those negative thoughts or lies.

If something is negative or a lie, it did not come from God. When we DECLARE a truth, we are aligning ourselves with God's ways. Take turns with a partner, and DECLARE a truth to counter the lie or deception they have experienced.

Declaring a truth starts with "I know/ I believe that... (examples)

you are looking for faithful people

you want to show yourself strong on my behalf.

I cannot be who you created me to become without your strength.

there are negative comments being made about me by the enemy.

Satan is a liar and destroyer.

Jesus is advocating for me no matter what the enemy is doing.

the plans God has for me are good to give me future and hope.

SCRIPTURE:

READ 2 Chronicles 16:9

In this passage, the Prophet Hanani is saying that God looks for ways to show His strength on behalf of those who are committed to Him. How do you show God your commitment? In the original language, "run to and fro" means to examine thoroughly or to go eagerly and quickly. What was the last thing you looked for *thoroughly*? How can you be more available to be found with your heart loyal to God?

READ Revelation 2:7 (Listen)

After reading, silently reflect and listen to what the Spirit is saying to you. Consider the sins, which are affecting our relationship with the Lord.

In addition to sins which can be observed (actions) are there 'quiet' sins, which are keeping us from enjoying victory? Quiet sins include worry, discouragement, discontent (envy/ jealousy), anger (grudges, loss of temper) pride, lust and impurity of thought?

Read Revelation 12:10

As a fan, if you knew who was going to win a football game or some other contest, how would it change the way you participate or experience or watch it?

If we believe the enemy (the accuser) will be defeated in the end, how come there is so much drama in today's world? How does living our lives as Christians and trying to overcome sin and the lies of the enemy compare or contrast with watching a game when you know who wins?

PRAYER (suggest in groups of 2 or 3)

Pray for one another and encourage your prayer partner(s) to make changes guided by the Spirit's voice to draw closer to Christ. Declare a truth to the deceptions or lies that are being used by the enemy against your partner or group member. Now ASK for the blessings God wants for each other.

NEXT STEPS: Do you know Jesus is praying for you right now? Have you accepted Him into your heart?

When we pray, how often do we say "Lord, I want what you want?"

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). _____,
_____, _____ . Spend a few moments praying for those people to accept the Easter invitation.

Even a really effective Super Bowl commercial can lose its message in a short time. Pastor Miles message to us the past 3 weeks has been to increase our prayer time and "Dial Into" the conversations already taking place. As you pray this week, how would you fill in these blanks?

Lord, Bless _____ so I can _____.
(describe how it will glorify or benefit God)

Quote from Pastor Miles: Golf hates you; but if you make only one really good shot in 100, you can say to yourself "I can do this!"

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