

**UnPrayer: Week 2** 



#### LIFE CHECK-IN (10 minutes)

- Where did you see/sense/feel/hear/experience God this last week?
- Where do you need to see/sense/feel/hear/experience God in the week ahead?

## **OPENING PRAYER (5-7 minutes)**

Spend a few minutes listening for what God might be up to in your group? Specifically pray and ask that God would allow each person to see/sense/feel/hear/experience God's presence in the place they need to this week.

**TEACHING SUMMARY (2-5 minutes)** This week we looked at a prayer from Paul in Philippians 1:3-11.

- How would your group summarize the teaching in their own words?
  - Or, what stood out to you from the teaching?

# **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (20-30 minutes)**

- In week 1, Ryan challenged us to find spaces to offer prayers of worship and adoration to God throughout our week. Did you try this? If you did, what was your experience like?
- The bottom line for this week's sermon was "God speaks, we echo". How does this resonate with you?
  - How does this form how you view and approach prayer?
  - What might you need to look at in your own life to work this concept out?
- Read Philippians 1:3-11 What pops out to you as you read this model prayer by Paul? What does this prayer teach us that prayer is about?
- Ryan emphasized the need for our prayers to be largely about the mission of Jesus and spiritual development in our lives based on this passage in Philippians 1:3-11.
  - Do you tend to pray with this focus in mind?

- Ryan poked some holes at problematic theology or Christian slogans that seem to somewhat miss what biblical prayer is all about, including ways that he's struggled with this in his own life. Can you think of examples where you have seen these types of shortfalls either in your own prayer life or in others?
- What steps can we take as a Community Group to engage together in simply being an echo of God's voice and thus fulfill our calling as image bearers of God?

### PRAYER (5-7 minutes)

- Take some time to pray through Philippians 1:3-11. Listen for God's voice through the text and through your prior discussion. Pray these thoughts through the Spirit back to God.

#### LEADER NOTES

These questions are a guide; feel free to use/exclude ones as people may have already answered the question or talked about the theme OR if your group takes a long time to tackle one particular theme it's ok to skip over questions in the interest of time/focus.