

## Growth Group News

**Valentine's Day Celebration: Save the Date (Feb. 10)! Afterwards, find Financial Peace in March!**

### Next Steps: Pray (PRAYER GENERATED RESULTS)

Selected Texts

**INSTRUCTIONS: THESE QUESTIONS ARE INTENDED TO CAUSE US TO THINK MORE DEEPLY ABOUT OUR FAITH IN VIEW OF THE SERMON. YOU MAY NOT GET TO EVERY QUESTION. ONE QUESTION MAY INDUCE OTHER FOLLOW UP QUESTIONS OR CAUSE A LARGER DISCUSSION. OUR PURPOSE ISN'T TO 'DISCUSS THE SERMON' SO MUCH AS IT IS TO TAKE OUR CONSIDERATION OF THE PASSAGE DEEPER SO THAT WE CAN LIVE CHANGED LIVES.**

#### ICE BREAKER QUESTION

How are you doing in your New Year's Resolutions?

#### ACCOUNTABILITY QUESTION

How is your prayer life?

#### UNDERSTANDING QUESTIONS

1. Why do you think it is that some people typically pray only "when the chips are down?"
2. Read 2 Kings 20:1-7. Often people today pray seemingly selfish prayers. They ask for things for themselves or for people they know but they don't pray for world-wide impact for the Kingdom of God or for the growth of their church, etc. They pray for politics but not for the spiritual growth of themselves and others. Here Hezekiah seemingly prays for himself. God richly rewards his heartbroken prayer. What does this tell us about the character of God even in the face of our sometimes pitiful prayers?
3. Take some time and read Daniel 6:10. Read also read Daniel 9:4ff. How does the Old Testament saint's prayer differ from our own? Does it?
4. Thinking of the passage in Luke when Jesus went off to pray (Luke 11:1; John 17). What does Jesus' extensive and productive prayer life teach us about the importance of prayer? If Jesus felt it necessary to pray regularly and intensely, should we?
5. Read Acts 12:1-11. Compare it to Luke 1-2. Why is it important to pray. Why is corporate pray so important to the Church? Why is it a necessity?
6. In Jonah 3:5-7 a fast is declared in connection with the news of God's judgment of Nineveh. The people hear of the impending judgment of their sin and repent in fasting (and prayer). What lessons might we learn about the importance of prayer to a community's, a nation's, or a city's well-being?
7. What "I will's" will you take away from this sermon and these questions? How will you respond to what you've heard, learned, and discussed?