

Sermon-Based Discussion Guide

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BIBLE PASSAGE - **Daniel 6-**

Daniel 6:10 When Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he went to his house where he had windows in his upper chamber open toward Jerusalem. He got down on his knees three times a day and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as he had done previously. **11** Then these men came by agreement and found Daniel making petition and plea before his God. **12** Then they came near and said before the king, concerning the injunction, "O king! Did you not sign an injunction, that anyone who makes petition to any god or man within thirty days except to you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions?" The king answered and said, "The thing stands fast, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be revoked." **13** Then they answered and said before the king, "Daniel, who is one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, O king, or the injunction you have signed, but makes his petition three times a day."

Luke 6:12 In these days he went out to the mountain to pray, and all night he continued in prayer to God.

Connect:

Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, and take time to fellowship.

Care:

Carry each other's burdens. Share life's challenges and practice Soul Care. Pray together.

Challenge:

Dive into God's Word. Use these discussion questions. Learn from each other's insight.

This week we launch a new series for the church, *Rhythms of Grace*. We're going to be looking at various rhythms the Bible mentions that cause grace to flourish in our lives. Some call these spiritual disciplines, they are small habits that grow our formation to Christlikeness. This week is focused on a rhythm of prayer.

1. Discuss with the group how you do with your non-Spiritual disciplines, could you share some of those Discipline's/Habits you find helpful? You could also share some that you tried and have not yet developed into a Discipline.
2. "Rhythms of Grace" These are the Spiritual Disciplines that fuel our counter culture life, and set us apart from living life like everybody else. What Rhythms are you working on right now?
3. Luke 5 describes Jesus regularly taking time to pray and Luke 6 describes Him taking the night to pray. Have you developed a healthy Rhythm for prayer or heard of one that you could share with the group? Does Jesus set the bar too high? is it unrealistic?
4. If you were to devote yourself to a prayer Rhythm, what things do you think would or could get in the way? or prevent it from happening? Could you share that with the group? It is ok to be working on something and to have not yet arrived at perfection. We are all in this together.
5. Stop and pause for a moment and write down a Prayer Rhythm that would be a stretch but also doable and share it with at least one person in the group and pray for those things that might get in the way.

Clarify:

Does anyone need clarity on something? Are there any big God questions you are wrestling with?

Celebrate:

Celebrate life's successes and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to brag about God.

KEY TAKEAWAYS