**Life Group Study Guide: Loved what you heard on Sunday? Want to go deeper? The life group study guide will help you unpack what you heard on Sunday, while diving deeper into God's word.**

**Connect:**

Describe a time when God answered an important prayer in your life. How did the way God answer your prayer affect your relationship with Him?

**Dig Deeper:**

**Read Luke 18:1-8**

* *What is Jesus trying to teach his disciples through this parable? Why do you think this would have been an important lesson to learn?*
* *What do we learn about God from this parable? Why do you think God does not always answer our prayers immediately?*
* *What is the significance of the question that Jesus asks at the end of the parable?*
* *On Sunday, Pastor Jason introduced a prayer principle: P-U-S-H, or   
  “Pray Until Something Happens.” What keeps most people from praying consistently? What are some specific ways we can overcome giving up  
  on our prayers?*

**Read 1 Kings 19:9-13**

* *Why do you think God choose to communicate to Elijah the way He did?*
* *What are other ways in the scriptures that we see God communicates to His children?*

**Make It Personal:**

* *How honest are you with God when you pray? What are some reasons that keep us from being totally honest with God?*
* *Describe how you communicate to God. What ways are most effective and meaningful to you?*
* *If you had a top five prayer list, what items would be on there?* *Start praying about these things daily.*

**Upcoming at Wave**

**DIAPER AND DETERGENT DRIVE | Feb.**

We are partnering with Caleb Hardy, who is organizing a community service project at his school, to provide diapers and laundry detergent to Door of Faith Orphanage. We invite you to join us in this effort and help serve the children of Door of Faith with **boxes of diapers** (all sizes except newborn), and **any type of laundry detergent**. Please   
bring your donations to church any Sunday in February.

**STARTING POINT | Feb. 10th**

Starting Point is our “You Are Here” sign at Wave, and the next   
one will be on Feb. 10th, right after church! Starting point is an informal “Introduction to Wave” lunch where you will meet other newcomers to Wave, our pastors and staff, and hear about the story and heart of   
our church. Lunch is provided for the whole family!

**ROMANIA MISSIONS | Summer**

Have you ever considered serving others by going on a missions trip?   
If you are interested in joining our Romania Missions Team, or would like more information for you or your family, please contact   
Steven Perez at steven@wavechurchsd.com.

**ARE YOU PART OF A SERVE TEAM?**

At Wave Church SD, we deeply value serving one another, and believe that God designed every person with unique talents and gifts specifically so you can use them to serve Him and others. One   
way to fulfill God’s purpose for your life is to discover a place to serve within the church. We currently have need in our children’s ministry and set up ministries. For more information please fill out a communication card and check ***‘I want to find a place to serve.’***

**WAVE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

Want to keep up with all that is going on at Wave? Simply fill   
out your communication card and write ***‘Newsletter’*** to get   
a weekly email update from Wave!

**HOME IMPROVEMENT | A PRAYER-FILLED HOME**

**WAVE CHURCH SD | JAN. 27, 2019**

PRAYERLESS STRIVING LEADS ONLY TO EXHAUSTION.

A CHRIST-CENTERED HOME IS A PRAYER-FILLED HOME.

WHEN A DOOR IS CLOSED, PRAYER IS THE WAY THROUGH.

**Matthew 7:7-11 (ESV) *7****“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.* ***8****For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.* ***9****Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone?* ***10****Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent?* ***11****If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!*

**WHY WE DON'T PRAY MORE**

* **NOT SURE HOW TO PRAY**
* **WE ARE HURRIED**
* **WE THINK OUR REQUESTS ARE TOO SMALL FOR GOD**
* **WE DON'T THINK OUR PRAYERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

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WHAT IS PRAYER?**

* **PRAYER IS COMMUNICATING WITH GOD**

**Psalm 5:1-3 (ESV)** *Listen to my words, Lord, consider my lament. 2Hear my cry for help, my King and my God, for to you I pray. 3In the morning, Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly.*

**HOW TO TALK TO GOD**

* **WITH GUT-LEVEL HONESTY**

**Exodus 5:22-23 (ESV)** *22Moses returned to the Lord and said, “Why, Lord, why have you brought trouble on this people? Is this why you sent me? 23Ever since I went to Pharaoh to speak in your name, he has brought trouble on this people, and you have not rescued your people at all.”*

**Matthew 6:5-7 (ESV)** *5“And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. 6But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. 7“And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. 8Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.*

* **ABOUT EVERYTHING THAT MATTERS TO YOU**

**Philippians 4:6-7 (ESV)** *6do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

**1 Peter 5:7 (NIV)** *Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.*

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**1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NIV)** *16Rejoice always, 17pray continually, 18give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.*

**Luke 18:1-8 (NIV)** *Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. 2He said: “In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. 3And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, ‘Grant me justice against my adversary.’ 4“For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, ‘Even though I don’t fear God or care what people think, 5yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won’t eventually come and attack me!’ ” 6And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. 7And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? 8I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?”*

* **LISTEN FOR HIS RESPONSE**

**1 Kings 19:9-13 (ESV)**