

# THIS IS REVIVAL.



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## WEEK 2

### The Conversation of Prayer

#### Ephesians 6:18, 1 John 5:14-15

All of history's great revivals have one attribute in common – people fervently prayed for them. There is a supernatural power in prayer that sees God move in miraculous ways and what a privilege it is that our sovereign God would allow us to bring our needs and requests before him.

But sometimes the idea of prayer can be overwhelming for us, wondering what to say or pray. How releasing it is that there is no secret formula when it comes to praying – it is simply our conversation with God. Think about the times you have made a new friendship, how did you get to know them? You spent time with them, talking with them and getting to know them, and just as our natural friendships grow, as we spend time talking to God and getting to know him we will find it easier to speak to Him from the depths of our hearts.

God wants us to speak to Him, He wants us to approach Him with confidence, knowing that He hears our prayers and wants us to know Him more. His Word continually instructs us to pray with faith because with Him nothing is impossible.

During this time of revival let's make a decision that our prayer lives will be characterized by persistence and consistency that comes from pursuing a personal relationship with God and being in His presence throughout the day. And let us commit together to pray for revival, that God's Church will continue to be built and that His purposes will come to fruition.

**CONNECTION AND ACTION** Use these questions to promote conversation and connection.

**ICEBREAKER:** How have you been spending your time with our '40 Days of Revival' devotional? What do you do to get the most out of it?

- Q:** How is this week's devotional impacting your prayer life?
- Q:** Prayer is a discipline and requires practice. What are some things you do to maximize your prayer life? (**Leader's Tip:** Think about what you want to pray for, reading Scriptures on prayer, pray in a quiet place, etc.)
- Q:** Has the way you pray changed as your relationship with God developed? How?
- Q:** What things can influence our confidence in prayer? How do we overcome these feelings? (**Leader's Tip:** Scripture, thinking back on praise reports, etc.)
- Q:** Describing prayer as a conversation implies it is two-way. How do you typically hear from God?

**Activity:** Think of people and situations that you could pray for this week. In groups of two or three, share a few of these and, as a group, discuss ways you could pray for those situations and the people in them.

#### HIGHLIGHTS COMING UP

- Mega Prayer Night & Conference Training – Tuesday 18 June 7pm at Sydney (Hills), Brisbane, Melbourne, Newcastle & Noosa.
- This is Revival – Join us as we countdown to the Heart for the House weekend & Hillsong Conference. Pick up your 40 day Devotional from church!

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**BIBLE AND BELIEF** Use these questions and scriptures to help believers develop a biblical worldview.

**Read: Matthew 6:9-13, Ephesians 3:12, 1 John 5:14-15, Matthew 18:19-20**

- Q:** What are a few key areas Jesus has us focus on in prayer? (**Tip:** Thankfulness, forgiveness, safety, grace, etc.)
- Q:** What does God have to say about the importance he places on prayer? Why do our prayers hold such importance?
- Q:** How can we engage in prayer together? Why does praying together help?
- Q:** Why is the attitude we bring to our prayer life important?
- Q:** What should our attitude in prayer be during times of trial?
- Q:** Think about the effects of your prayers in the past. Whether or not they have resulted in the way you had hoped, how has prayer changed your stance to a situation?
- Q:** How can we adapt and apply the Lord's Prayer (Matt 6:9-13) to our own prayer life?
- Q:** What biblical keys are there to seeing our prayers answered? Give references.

**GROWING LEADERSHIP** Use these questions to help people in your group grow as leaders.

- Q:** How can we encourage and inspire others to practice prayer?
- Q:** As leaders, we sometimes get to lead others in prayer. What have you discovered to be the keys to leading a good prayer meeting?
- Q:** What do you consider to be the responsibilities of leaders in prayer? Do the prayers of leaders have a particular impact?
- Q:** What place does prayer have in your leadership?
- Q:** How well do you go at detecting and influencing the spiritual atmosphere of a group or team?

**Strategising:** The Mega Prayer Night is on 18 June. Plan how to get your connect groups and teams there.

## PRAY TOGETHER

- Pastors Brian & Bobbie Houston
- Heart for the House
- Hillsong Conference
- Decisions for Jesus in our Services



# NATION BUILDERS.