

The End Times

Part 6

Key Scriptures: Daniel 10:1-3; Daniel 10:5-7; Daniel 10:11-13; Ephesians 6:12-13; Matthew 7:7; 2 Chronicles 7:14; James 5:15-16; Ezekiel 22:30-31; Daniel 10:18-11:1

1. Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- Have you ever prayed for God to move in your or another's life, and it didn't seem He was answering... until He did?! Share that story.
- What is the funniest/strangest/most wonderful way God has answered prayer in your life that was different than you expected?

2. Start thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Read Daniel 10:1-3. Daniel mourned for three weeks and didn't eat or drink certain foods and drink. What do we call that spiritual discipline of abstaining from things? Should we still do that today?
- Read Daniel 10:5-7. Why could Daniel see the man and those around him could not?
- Read Daniel 10:11-13. When had Daniel's prayer been heard? How quickly did God send a response? Why had Daniel not perceived a response immediately?
- Read Ephesians 6:12-13. Are we supposed to fight against each other? Parents vs children? Husband vs wife? Pineapple on pizza vs no pineapple on pizza? Why or why not? What are we supposed to do?

3. Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- Read Matthew 7:7. What does Jesus say is God's response to your prayer? How has this been demonstrated in your life?
- Read 2 Chronicles 7:14. Can your prayers be effective and impact our nation? What do you need to do in prayer?
- Read James 5:15-16. The prayer of the righteous person is...? Do you have someone you can be honest with about your struggles and who will stand beside you through those struggles? If not, pray that God shows you who you can find accountability with.
- Read Ezekiel 22:30-31. God is looking for someone to "stand in the gap". What does that mean in a practical sense? How can you do that for your community, state, and nation?

4. Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

- Pray for our nation.
- Pray for the Gulf Coast.
- Pray for the upcoming election.

5. Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Find a time each week to pray for your community, the upcoming election, and our nation. Guard that time so that you can be persistent in it. Write them down so that you can easily follow up with notes about what you see God doing! And trust that He has heard and is moving even when you don't see it.