Thank you for selecting the *Disciple’s Prayer Life* for your FAITH Discipleship course. The ministry of FAITH can never be separated from the power of prayer. Each aspect of our preparation and involvement in directly sharing Jesus, should be brought before God daily. Through the growth and discipline of our prayer life, we will be able to deepen our understanding of God’s desire to see people come to know Him. In reflecting on His character, we will grow to be more like Him. Our studies of the Scripture will teach us to follow a biblical worldview and will lead us to discover areas of our lives where there are errors in need of correction. Further study results in giving us direction for our lives and trains us in right thinking and living.

The *Disciples Prayer Life* is designed to be taught in sessions that last one to two hours. To effectively work with FAITH as a discipleship class, the teaching time needs to be adjusted to 45 minutes. I have worked through and edited the teaching guide so that it will fit better in the allotted amount of time. The plans are structured with the understanding that the class members would study through the lesson prior to the session. Knowing they have already gone through the material will help you adjust your timing more effectively. Be very careful not to run over on time during your training. Although the information you are going through is important, nothing is more imperative than getting out and sharing Christ.

Each week it is important to get your Sunday School class involved with FAITH. To help your participants be able to have something tangible to help them make this connection, please copy the card below and distribute it to the FAITH participants each week. On the following week collect the cards, pray about there content, and give them to the FAITH director.
FAITH / SUNDAY SCHOOL PRAYER CONNECTION     Week #

Class _______________ Department _______________ Ages _________

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Session 1
Developing a Life of Prayer

Before the Session

☐ Carefully study week 1 and complete all the learning activities.
☑ Review the three assignments participants should bring to the session (see item 4 below).
☐ Read “During the Session.” Secure necessary materials and be prepared to guide each activity.
☐ Copy the FAITH / Sunday School Prayer Connection card. You need to make enough for 11 sessions.
☐ Pray for each group member.

During the Session

1. Highlights and Opening Prayer (7 minutes).
   Pray a brief prayer acknowledging the Holy Spirit’s presence as your Teacher. Pray, “Lord, teach us to pray.” Give members an opportunity to share special highlights for new insights from their week’s study. Share one of your own as a model for sharing. Since this is a new group, do not be discouraged if members are hesitant to share. They will become more open in time.

2. Check Memory Verses (3 minutes).
   Divide into pairs and ask each person to check the partner’s memory verse(s) for this week. Keep in mind that some may choose to memorize only one verse each week. Encourage members to memorize verses word for word and to review often.

3. Review Introduction (10 minutes).
   Call attention to the distinctive features of the Disciples Prayer Life (PP. 6-7). Emphasize the importance of the daily quiet time and encourage members to record their communication with God in a daily journal. Encourage members to use the daily prayer guides in their prayer times. Each week members should regularly review the prayer guides for the current and previous weeks of study. By doing so, they will learn to use the concepts and principles more effectively in their prayers.

4. Reasons God Answers Prayer (15 minutes).
   Ask members to recall the four reasons God answers prayer. Ask them to turn to the prayer guide 1(p. 205). Review the four reasons by completing the following:

   On page 14 members were asked to answer two questions about how sharing a prayer request could take away from or give to God the glory for the answer. Ask them to share
their answers in small groups. Then ask them to pray prayers of praise, acknowledging God for who He is.

On page 18 members were asked to respond to the questions about the intercession of Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Ask members to share their responses in the same groups and conclude with a prayer of thanksgiving for the intercessory work of Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

On page 19 members were asked to compare and contrast God with a human father. Ask volunteers to share responses with the large group. Discuss ways children and servants can approach God in prayer as Father and as Master (review the final paragraphs in day five).

5. Disciple’s Prayer Life Covenant (5 minutes).
Ask everyone to turn to the Disciple’s Prayer Life covenant on page 9. Allow members to add on, reword, or adjust the covenant according to the consensus. Members should record changes on their own copies of the covenant. Allow a brief time of silent prayer. Then ask members who are willing to make the covenant to sign their names to their copies.

6. Preview Week 2 (4 minutes).
Preview week 2. Distribute the FAITH/SS Prayer Connection cards and explain that they are to be returned each week with the information learned during their Sunday School class time. Encourage participants to be persistent in their quest to get this information. These cards will be given to the FAITH director to assist in putting together additional visits. Clearly communicate that the homework assignment is to study through all five days and do the activities for Week 2.

7. Closing Prayer (2 minutes).
Stand in a circle and hold hands. Lead the group in a prayer of commitment to God and to one another during this study.

After the Session

1. Evaluate each activity and determine ways to improve participation in future sessions.
2. Begin preparation for the next session.
3. Due to the nature of the course, new members should not be added after session 2.
Session 2
Knowing God

Before the Session

☐ Carefully study week 2 and complete all the learning activities.
☐ Read “During the Session.” Secure the necessary materials and be prepared to guide each activity.
☐ On poster board, whiteboard, or large sheet of paper, draw the Star of David. Draw six blank lines, one at each point of the star. Provide a marker to add the six qualities of God during session 2.
☐ Pray for each group member.

During the Session

1. Arrival Activity (10 minutes).
Instruct members to skim through the Psalms and identify characteristics, qualities, or names of God. Ask members to add these to the appropriate lists in prayer guides 1 and 2 (pages 205 and 207). Allow members time to share their findings with one another.

2. Highlights and Opening Prayer (10 minutes).
Ask the members to turn in their FAITH/SS Connection Cards. Give members an opportunity to share special highlights or new insights from this week’s study. Open with prayers of adoration and praise. Ask members to mention a character trait of God or to call Him by one of His names and then to speak a word of praise or adoration. Continue by allowing each member to pray as many different times as desired.

3. Check Memory Verses (3 minutes).
Divide into pairs and ask each person to check the partner’s memory verse(s) for this week. Review the verses from last week.

4. Small-group Processing (15 minutes).
Divide into three groups and follow these instructions.
a. Ask members to turn to page 25 and share their feelings and thoughts about the God of creation’s desire to fellowship with them.
b. Ask members to turn to page 29 and share the Bible events they listed that testified to God’s power.
c. Ask members to turn to pages 32-33 and discuss the meanings of Jesus’ names and how those aspects of Jesus’ character would be helpful in prayer.

5. Preview week three (3 minutes).
Preview week three. Distribute the FAITH/SS Prayer Connection cards. Clearly communicate that the homework assignment is to study through all five days and do the activities for Week 3.
6. Closing Prayer (4 minutes).
Join hands in a circle. Ask each member to pray silently for the person on their right to
develop a much greater knowledge of God during the next week. Close the way you
began: in prayer, praising God aloud for who He is.

After the Session

1. Deliver the FAITH/SS Connection cards to the FAITH director.
2. Evaluate each activity and determine ways to improve participation in future sessions.
3. Begin preparation for the next session.
Session 3
Walking in Personal Fellowship with God

Before the Session

☐ Carefully study week three and complete all the learning activities.
☐ Carefully review Prayer Guide 3 (page 208). Try to write an application for each relationship described. This way you will be able to help others who are having trouble understanding how to use the guide in their prayer times.
☐ Read “During the Session.” Secure necessary materials to be prepared to guide each activity.

During the Session

1. Highlights and Opening Prayer (9 minutes).
Ask the members to turn in their FAITH/SS Connection Cards. Give members an opportunity to share special highlights or new insights from their week’s study. Collect the 23rd Psalms written for day one (page 37, one per person). Ask three members to share what they have written and give a brief statement about why they chose this particular prayer identity. Call on a member to lead an opening prayer of thanksgiving for the privilege of having a personal relationship with God.

2. Check Memory Verses (3 minutes).
Divide into pairs and ask each person to check the partner’s memory verse(s) for the week. Review the verses from the previous weeks.

3. Small-group Sharing (7 minutes).
Divide into several groups and ask members to share the following with their small groups.
a. The paragraph describing ways their prayer lives are affected by their primary relationships with God (Describe Yourself, page 39).
b. The physical traits and natural abilities listed on pages 43-44.
c. Prayers of praise and thanksgiving on page 44.

4. Small-group Praise and Thanksgiving (5 minutes).
Ask the same small groups to use sentence prayers of praise and thanksgiving for the many good gifts God has given.

5. Large Group Discussion (8 minutes).
Lead a discussion about how the charts in Prayer Guide 3 (page 208) can be used in prayer times. Make sure everyone understands that circumstances and needs may dictate the use of different prayer identities and prayer activities. Give some of the combinations from the charts and ask members to suggest circumstances and needs for which those relationships with God would be helpful in prayer.

6. Personal Prayer (5 minutes).
Ask each member to select one of the relationships with God described in the Prayer Guide 3, based on his or her current needs. Ask members to kneel and simultaneously pray aloud. This may be a new experience for some. Encourage members not to hesitate to pray, for God rejoices when his children offer their prayers to Him. He can hear even when we all pray at once.

7. Preview Week Four (3 minutes).
Preview week four. Distribute the FAITH/SS Prayer Connection cards. Clearly communicate that the homework assignment is to study through all five days and do the activities for Week 4.

8. Closing Prayer (5 minutes).
Divide into groups of four. Ask them to huddle together like a football squad and to pray for one another’s personal walk with God.

After the Session

1. Deliver the FAITH/SS Connection cards to the FAITH director.
2. Evaluate each activity and determine ways to improve participation in future sessions. Think about each person in the group and ask yourself: Is this person hesitant to participate? Does he or she seem to be prepared? Does he or she need a special word of encouragement this week? Write or call group members who may need special help or a word of encouragement.
3. Begin preparation for the next session.
Session 4
Using the Bible in Prayer

Before the Session

☐ Carefully study week 4 and complete all learning activities.
☐ Read “During the Session.” Secure necessary materials and be prepared to guide each activity.
☐ Provide a chalkboard, whiteboard, or paper with appropriate markers.
☐ Prepare to teach the group to pray conversationally. See the instructions on conversational prayer on page 228.
☐ Study the case studies in activity 4 below and prepare your answers in case members have difficulty.
☐ Make a poster with Psalm 139:23-24 written on it.

During the Session

1. Highlights and Opening Prayer (5 minutes).
Ask the members to turn in their FAITH/SS Connection Cards. Give members an opportunity to share special highlights or new insights from their week’s study. Read the Bible promise in Jeremiah 33:3. Claim this promise in prayer, asking God to reveal great truths to members as they search His Word.

2. Check Memory Verses (3 minutes).
Call out references of memory verses from the previous weeks and ask volunteers to recite the verses. Divide into pairs and ask each person to check the partner’s memory verse(s) for this week.

3. Scriptures Value in Prayer (10 minutes).
On a chalkboard, whiteboard, or paper write the words holy, trustworthy, enlightening, true. Ask members to explain how each quality of Scripture makes the Bible a valuable tool for prayer.
Ask members to describe the various ways the Bible can be used in prayer. Make sure that they mention the five ways identified in Prayer Guide 4 (page 209).

4. Case studies (10 minutes).
Read each of the following case studies. Ask members to discuss ways the person in each case study could use the Bible to help himself or herself in prayer. Ask members to suggest specific Scriptures that would be helpful.

Martin is a very busy business executive. He takes time to pray in the mornings before leaving home, his has difficulty focusing on anything other than the work demands facing him. Consequently, he spends most of his prayer time praying for guidance and help for the day. How could Martin use the Bible to expand his prayer concerns and prayer life?
Angie is praying. She has asked God to forgive her for a sin she committed. She has been weak in resisting temptation; she has asked for forgiveness for this type of sin many times before. Can Scripture help her gain victory over this besetting sin? How?

Chun Ho is concerned about his church’s spiritual health. He believes the spirit of apathy and self-satisfaction prevents the church from doing what God wants it to do. He is not sure how to pray effectively for his church or what to ask for. Could the Bible help him with this prayer concern? How?

5. Scriptural Praying (10 minutes).
Divide into small groups and pray for current needs and concerns. Encourage members to pray conversationally. Ask them to use Scripture in prayer by doing such things as quoting promises or using Bible phrases in their prayers.

6. Preview Week Five (3 minutes).
Preview week five. Distribute the FAITH/SS Prayer Connection cards. Clearly communicate that the homework assignment is to study through all five days and do the activities for Week 5.

7. Closing Prayer (5 minutes).
Display the poster with Psalm 139:23-24. Ask the group to read this passage in unison to begin their closing prayer time. Give members an opportunity to pray thoughts related to God’s leadership “in the way everlasting.”

After the Session
1. Deliver the FAITH/SS Connection cards to the FAITH director.
2. Evaluate each activity and determine ways to improve participation in future sessions.
3. Begin preparation for the next session.
Session 5  
Expressing Gratitude in Prayer

Before the Session

☐ Carefully study week five and complete all of the learning activities.
☐ Read “During the Session.” Secure necessary materials to be prepared to guide each activity.
☐ Set up chairs according to the diagram located on page 235 in the Disciples Prayer Life. Make sure the inner circle faces outward and the outer circle faces inward.
☐ Choose a praise song that you will use in the closing prayer.
☐ Pray for each group member.

During the Session

1. Highlights and Opening Prayer (7 minutes).
Ask the members to turn in their FAITH/SS Connection Cards. Give members an opportunity to share special highlights or new insights from their week’s study.

2. Check Memory Verses (3 minutes).
Divide into pairs and ask each person to check the partner’s memory verse(s) for this week.

3. Rotation Sharing (15 minutes).
Divide into groups. Ask one group to sit in a tight circle facing outward. Ask members of the other group to sit opposite the members already seated, creating a circle facing inward. Ask pairs to share the information called for in item “a” below. Then rotate the outer circle clockwise so that each person has a new partner. Then ask partners to share item “b.” Rotate again. Continue this process until all items have been shared.
   a. Ask members to look at their list of “bad” things God may have used in a special way for their good (p.69).
   b. Ask members to show or describe the four mental pictures they drew or described in day two (p.70).
   c. Ask members to retrieve their devotional outlines about continuous gratitude (p.72).
   e. Ask members to share their verbal thanksgivings on page 74.

4. Family Praise Histories (10 minutes).
Return to the large group. Ask members to share their Family Praise Histories. Discuss ways these have been meaningful to families. Ask members to suggest ways and times praise histories could be used as a meaningful family celebration of God’s goodness.

5. Prayer Time (7 minutes).
Suggest that the group spend this time praying, expressing gratitude to God for the many ways He has blessed them.
6. Preview week six (3 minutes).
Preview week six. Distribute the FAITH/SS Prayer Connection cards. Clearly communicate that the homework assignment is to study through all five days and do the activities for Week 6.

7. Closing Prayer (2 minutes).
Ask members to join hands and sing a song of praise to God as their closing prayer.

After the Session

1. Deliver the FAITH/SS Connection cards to the FAITH director.
2. Evaluate each activity and determine ways to improve participation in future sessions.
3. Begin preparation for the next session.
Session 6
Worshiping God in Prayer

Before the Session

☐ Carefully study week six and complete all the learning activities.
☐ Read “During the Session.” Secure necessary materials and be prepared to guide each activity.
☐ Borrow enough church hymnals for each member to use one.
☐ Pray for each group member.

During the Session

1. Arrival activity (10 minutes).
Ask members to look through the hymnals to find favorite hymns that help them worship God in spirit. Give each one an opportunity to read one stanza of the hymns selected. Select one or two hymns to sing together.

2. Highlights and Opening Prayer (7 minutes).
Ask the members to turn in their FAITH/SS Connection Cards. Give members an opportunity to share special highlights were insights from their week’s study. Review the list of Bible praise words in Prayer Guide 6 (p.211). Ask members to use these praise words as you pray a series of sentence prayers. Attempt to make this a worshipful experience.

3. Check Memory Verses (3 minutes).
Divide into pairs and ask each person to check the partner’s memory verse(s) for the week. Review some of the verses from previous weeks.

4. Contrasting Worship (10 minutes).
Divide into two groups. Ask one group to review and discuss worship in the flesh. Ask the other group to review and discuss worship in spirit and truth. Ask both groups to list examples of their assigned types of worship. Ask them to suggest ways to improve personal and corporate worship in spirit and truth. After groups have completed their studying, call for reports. Call on one member to pray for your pastor and others involved in leading public worship in your church.

5. Exhorting Psalms (5 minutes).
Ask members to turn to the Exhorting Psalms they wrote (p. 91). Ask several volunteers to read their psalms to the group. Call on one member of the group to lead in a prayer of praise.

6. Preview Week Seven (3 minutes).
Preview week seven. Distribute the FAITH/SS Prayer Connection cards. Clearly communicate that the homework assignment is to study through all five days and do the activities for Week 7.
7. Closing Prayer (7 minutes).
Focus the closing prayer on worshiping God in prayer, using Scripture and Bible praise words. Tell members that they may keep their eyes open and use their Bibles or prayer guides as they form and offer their prayers.

**After the Session**

1. Deliver the FAITH/SS Connection cards to the FAITH director.
2. Evaluate each activity and determine ways to improve participation in future sessions.
3. Begin preparation for the next session.
Session 7
Praying Together

Before the Session

☐ Carefully study week seven and complete all the learning activities.
☐ Read “During the Session.” Secure necessary materials and be prepared to guide each activity.
☐ Secure and display at least one copy of the devotional materials your church provides for each age group. These materials may be found in magazines such as Home Life, devotionals like Open Windows, Sunday School materials, etc., if your church does not provide these types of materials, borrow some from a neighboring church.
☐ Provide paper for listing evidences in activity 4 below.
☐ Pray for each group member.

During the Session

1. Arrival Activity (5 minutes).
As members arrive, allow time for them to examine the periodicals you have displayed.

2. Highlights and Opening Prayer (10 minutes).
Ask the members to turn in their FAITH/SS Connection Cards. Give members an opportunity to share special highlights or insights from their week’s study. Ask members to use conversational prayer to pray for unity in their homes and church. Pray that this unity will bring God such glory that many will come to Christ for salvation.

3. Check Memory Verses (3 minutes).
Divide into pairs and ask each person check the partner’s memory verse(s) for this week.

4. Power in Unity (10 minutes).
Read the last sentence on page 95. Distribute paper. Ask members to review week seven and list evidence that supports this principle for united prayer. Discuss the evidence. Give members an opportunity to share evidence from their own experiences that support this principle.

5. Family and Church Prayer (12 minutes).
Divide into two groups. Ask each member to share (1) how the group can pray for his or her family’s devotional time and (2) thoughts about how he or she senses God leading toward involvement in a personal or church prayer ministry. After someone shares these items, call on a member to lead the group in praying for this person. Repeat this process for each group member.

6. Preview Week Eight (3 minutes).
Preview week eight. Distribute the FAITH/SS Prayer Connection cards. Clearly communicate that the homework assignment is to study through all five days and do the activities for Week 8.
7. Closing Prayer (2 minutes).
Call on a member to pray that God would use church leaders and group members to help your church become more of a house of prayer.

**After the Session**

1. Deliver the FAITH/SS Connection cards to the FAITH director.
2. Evaluate each activity and determine ways to improve participation in future sessions.
3. Relate to your pastor or your church’s prayer coordinator ways your group members are sensing God’s leadership toward involvement in a prayer ministry. Make a list based on the thoughts shared during the session. Pray for these concerns in the coming weeks. Watch for chances to nurture or create opportunities to develop a more extensive prayer ministry in your church.
4. Begin preparation for the next session.
Session 8
Agreeing with God

Before the Session

☐ Carefully study week eight and complete all of the learning activities.
☐ Read “During the Session.” Secure materials and be prepared to guide each activity.
☐ Provide a chalkboard, whiteboard, or paper and markers.
☐ Pray for each group member.

During the Session

1. Arrival Activity (6 minutes).
   As members arrive, encourage them to find places by themselves in the meeting room. Instruct them to pray Psalm 51 and to confess their sins.

2. Highlights (10 minutes).
   Ask the members to turn in their FAITH/SS Connection Cards. Ask members to gather as a group. Ask a volunteer for a definition of confession and write it on the board. Ask members to list four kinds of confession they studied this week (see page 111). Write these on the board. Give members an opportunity to share special highlights or new insights from this week’s study. Ask a couple of volunteers to share their experiences of confessing Christ as Savior.

3. Check Memory Verses (3 minutes).
   Divide into pairs and ask each person check the partner’s memory verse(s) for this week.

4. Certain Forgiveness (10 minutes).
   Give members an opportunity to share with the group their picture of forgiveness on page 116. Show and explain your own as a model for sharing. Write the word forgiveness on the board. Ask what life would be like without forgiveness. Discuss responses. Divide into two groups. Ask groups to discuss ways they would help someone who felt that his or her sins were unforgivable (page 118).

5. Public Confession (7 minutes).
   Ask members to discuss the Principal for Public Confession (page 120): “Public confession should be limited to the circle of the offense. It should never endanger anyone else’s privacy or reputation.” Ask them to identify problems that can arise if this principle is not followed.

6. Preview Week Nine (3 minutes).
   Preview week nine. Distribute the FAITH/SS Prayer Connection cards. Clearly communicate that the homework assignment is to study through all five days and do the activities for Week 9.
7. Closing Prayer (6 minutes).
Ask members to turn to their list of truths about God and His ways that they prepared in
day five (page 124). After the review their list, call for sentence prayers. Ask members to
confess truths to God one at a time. Allow members to pray as many times as they wish.

After the Session

1. Deliver the FAITH/SS Connection cards to the FAITH director.
2. Evaluate each activity and determine ways to improve participation in future sessions.
3. Begin preparation for the next session.
Session 9
Applying the Principles of Asking

Before the Session

☐ Carefully study week nine and complete all the learning activities.
☐ Read “During the Session.” Secure materials and be prepared to guide each activity.
☐ Prepare copies of the team assignment in “Applying the Principles.”
☐ Prepare a table with chairs around it for their arrival activity.
☐ Pray for each group member.

During the Session

1. Arrival Activity (10 minutes).
   Direct members to the table provided. Ask them to share their list from Matthew 5-7 and John 14-17 (page 127). This sharing will help members expand their list of commands and promises from these passages more quickly. In addition, some may be able to share fresh insights that others overlooked. Point out that studying these passages should be a lifelong process.

2. Highlights and Opening Prayer (7 minutes).
   Ask the members to turn in their FAITH/SS Connection Cards. Give members an opportunity to share other special highlights or insights from this week’s study. Ask volunteers to share about their experiences with their prayer partners. Call on one member to lead in the opening prayer.

3. Check Memory Verses (3 minutes).
   Divide into pairs and ask each person to check the partner’s memory verse(s) for this week.

4. Applying the Principles (20 minutes).
   Divide into pairs. Assign each pair at least one principle of asking. Most, if not all, pairs should have two principles assigned to them. Ask members to review the content in week nine for their assigned principles. Ask each team to prepare to share with a large group the following responses to its assignment. Give each team a copy of the following form.

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<td>*A brief, clear statement of the principle</td>
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<td>*A description of the forces or attitudes that oppose the principle (for example, Spirit versus flesh, humility versus pride)</td>
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<td>*Ways a Christian can nurture or cultivate the habit of applying the principle to all asking</td>
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<td>*Things a Christian may do that would violate the principle</td>
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After the teams have finished their research, call for reports. Discuss any principles or issues that are not clear.

5. Preview Week 10 (3 minutes).
   Preview week 10. Distribute the FAITH/SS Prayer Connection cards. Clearly communicate that the homework assignment is to study through all five days and do the activities for Week 10.

6. Closing Prayer (2 minutes).
   Divide into pairs. Ask each person to share with his or her partner the greatest need for growth related to the principles of asking. Ask pairs to kneel together and pray for the needs shared.

   **After the Session**

1. Deliver the FAITH/SS Connection cards to the FAITH director.
2. Evaluate each activity and determine ways to improve participation in future sessions.
3. Begin preparation for the next session.
Session 10
Dealing with Hindrances and Delays

Before the Session

☐ Carefully study week 10 and complete all the learning activities.
☐ Read “During the Session.” Secure materials and be prepared to guide each activity.
☐ Using construction paper and a marker, draw the three stop signs and six roadblocks pictured on pages 143 and 146. Draw each item on a separate sheet.
☐ Provide blank paper and pencils.
☐ Pray for each group member.

During the Session

1. Arrival Activity (20 minutes).
As members arrive, give each person one of the stop signs or roadblocks you drew and a blank sheet of paper. Ask each member to write a case study that illustrates a prayer that God refuses to answer or delays in answering because of the stop sign or roadblock assigned. Ask members not to use in their case studies the corresponding word or phrase on the sign, because the rest of the group will try to guess the reason for the unanswered prayer. After everyone has finished, collect the signs in the case studies. Mix up the case studies and give one case study to each individual. Lay the signs and the roadblocks on the floor in the middle of the group. Ask each member to read his or her assigned case study. Instruct the group to identify the stop sign or roadblock that hinders or delays answer to the prayer. Discuss differences of opinion.

2. Highlights and Opening Prayer (4 minutes).
Ask the members to turn in their FAITH/SS Connection Cards. Ask two members to share a special highlight or new insight from this week’s study. Ask one member to lead in prayer for each individual in the group to be able to gain victory over the stop signs or roadblocks that hinder answers to their prayers.

3. Check Memory Verses (3 minutes).
Divide into pairs and ask each person to check the partner’s memory verse(s) for the week.

4. Opposites (7 minutes).
Collect all the signs made. Hold up the stop signs one at a time. Ask members to brainstorm in rapid-fire order words that are opposites of the stop signs to answered prayer. Do the same for each roadblock. Discuss ways Christians can best overcome these barriers to spiritual growth and effective praying.

5. Preview Week 11 (3 minutes).
Preview week 11. Distribute the FAITH/SS Prayer Connection cards. Clearly communicate that the homework assignment is to study through all five days and do the activities for Week 11.
6. Closing Prayer (8 minutes).
Ask members to turn to Prayer Guide 8 (page 213). Using the model requests from Psalm 51, spend time praying silently for the kind of changes in our lives that lead to effective and powerful praying.

After the Session

1. Deliver the FAITH/SS Connection cards to the FAITH director.
2. Evaluate each activity and determine ways to improve participation in future sessions.
3. Begin preparation for the next session.
Session 11
Asking for Yourself and Others

Before the Session

☐ Carefully study week 11 and complete all the learning activities.
☐ Read “During the Session.” Secure materials and be prepared to guide each activity.
☐ Provide paper or 3 x 5 cards.
☐ Pray for each group member.

During the Session

1. Arrival Activity (5 minutes).
As members arrive, give each a sheet of paper or 3 x 5 card. Ask members to write their greatest personal prayer requests in the following areas: (1) spiritual growth, (2) family, (3) work/school or other, and (4) personal. Ask them to hold their list for use later in the session.

2. Highlights and Opening Prayer (7 minutes).
Ask the members to turn in their FAITH/SS Connection Cards. Give members an opportunity to share special highlights or new insights from their week’s study. Ask members to find the prayers they wrote this week for the sanctification of a Christian brother or sister (page 172). Divide into pairs. Ask each person to select one group of model prayer requests in Prayer Guide 11 (page 216). Ask each one to pray the requests for his or her partner and then to pray for his or her sanctification.

3. Check Memory Verses (3 minutes).
With members remaining in pairs, ask each person to check the partner’s memory verse(s) for this week.

4. Spiritual Awakening (15 minutes).
Ask members to return to the large group and to share their list of requests for spiritual awakening (page 166). Discuss the unity of Christians and the changes each member visualized in day five. Pray conversationally for the unity of Christians and for spiritual awakening in your nation.

5. Agree or Disagree (5 minutes).
Ask members to turn to page 164. Discuss the thoughts written about the power and goal of intercessory prayer. Call on one member to lead a prayer for the increase of intercessory prayer in your church.

6. Preview Week 12 (3 minutes).
Preview week 12. Distribute the FAITH/SS Prayer Connection cards. Clearly communicate that the homework assignment is to study through all five days and do the activities for Week 12.
7. Closing Prayer (7 minutes).
Direct the members to get in a circle. Ask members to share their responses to the arrival activity. Ask each member, one at a time, to move to the center of the circle. Focusing on that person, ask each person in the group to offer a one sentence prayer of encouragement for that person.

After the Session

1. Deliver the FAITH/SS Connection cards to the FAITH director.
2. Evaluate each activity and determine ways to improve participation in future sessions.
3. Begin preparation for the next session.
Session 12
Praying for Missions

Before the Session

☐ Carefully study week 12 and complete all the learning activities.
☐ Read “During the Session.” Secure materials, including a globe or world map, and be prepared to guide each activity.
☐ Secure copies of mission periodicals, list of missions prayer request, a missionary prayer calendar, denominational publications, and other resources that provide information about missions needs at home and abroad. If your church does not have copies, order them or borrow them from a neighbor church.
☐ Talk to the pastor or a longtime church member to learn how many members of your church have responded to God’s call to missions and other full-time Christian ministries.
☐ Pray for each group member.
☐ Prepare a handout for the participants which will inform them of the opportunities that they have to be a part of your church’s prayer ministry. Utilize the information from Week 13 to provide suggestions on how participants can encourage and strengthen the ministry. (If your church does not currently have a prayer ministry, set up a time and talk with the pastor about starting one.)

During the Session

1. Arrival Activity (10 minutes).
As members arrive, ask them to browse through the missions resources provided then select one special missions need for which the group can pray. Ask them to prepare to share with the group brief details about the need. When everyone has found an item to share, call for members to share the needs they discovered. Share yours first as a model of brevity. After each need has been shared, ask for a volunteer to pray for that need. Continue until all needs have been prayed for.

2. Highlights of the Week (3 minutes).
Ask the members to turn in their FAITH/SS Connection Cards. Give members an opportunity to share highlights or new insights from this week’s study.

3. Check Memory Verses (7 minutes).
For review and fun, conduct a memory verse drill. Divide into two teams, alternating between the teams, ask for memory verses to be quoted. Expect verses to be quoted word for word. Anyone on the team may recite numbers. Award one point for correct quotation. Subtract one point for an incorrect quotation. At the conclusion of the drill, state that everyone who memorizes God’s Word is a winner (Psalm 119:11).

4. Prayer Ministry Information (3 minutes)
Hand out the information sheets that you prepared sharing about the prayer ministry opportunities in your church. Inform the members that they can read through the information found in Week 13 and discover ways to enhance the current program.

If you do not have a prayer ministry, inform the group that you have talked with the pastor and have shared the suggestions from Week 13’s material. Ask for volunteers to begin to work with the pastor to develop a prayer ministry.

5. Pray for Sending (8 minutes).
Share with the group your church’s record of persons responding to God’s call to missions and other full-time Christian work. Ask members to suggest reasons for the good or poor response. Briefly evaluate the activity of lay persons in your church in sharing the gospel with the lost in your community and around the world. Call on one member to lead the group in prayer for God to call forth laborers from your church into the harvest.

6. Breakthrough Praying (10 minutes).
Ask members to turn to “Missions Imperatives” and “Prayers Based on Missions Imperatives,” page 179. Briefly discuss the need for intercessory prayer if a breakthrough is to happen in reaching our world for Christ. Ask members to pray sentence prayers for the needs and goals of world evangelization.

7. Closing Prayer (5 minutes).
Place a globe or world map on the floor. Ask members to kneel in a circle around it. Instruct members to focus its prayers on world evangelization through missions efforts. Encourage members to pray for only one subject at a time, but remind them that they may pray more than one time.

After the Session

1. Deliver the FAITH/SS Connection cards to the FAITH director.
2. Follow-up with each member of the class. Share with them how they can become a part of your church’s prayer ministry or share with them how they can establish a prayer ministry in your church.
3. Encourage each member to follow through on their personal growth plans. Promote their personal involvement in a meaningful prayer ministry.
4. Complete and mail all Christian Growth Study Plan forms. Make sure each person receives the Disciples Prayer Life diploma when it arrives.

One way which I suggest to handle the information in Week 13 is to develop a handout to be used during Session 12. Another way would be to set up a meeting after the FAITH semester to discuss how the group can be more involved in promoting and participating in the prayer ministry of the church, or setting up a new ministry if the church does not currently have one.