



## **SMALL GROUP PRAYER PRACTICUM**

### **“God, Give Us Relationships that Matter to You”**

Week 5 | October 8, 2017 | 1 Thessalonians 3:6-13

#### **Part 1 Primer**

1. Share a powerful time of prayer you had with someone else, whether it was you praying for them, or them praying for you. What was so powerful about that prayer? What do you think the Holy Spirit did for both of you during that time of prayer?
2. Paul and Timothy provided the Thessalonian church with spiritual comfort and encouragement. In your journey of faith, who has been the most impactful in providing such comfort and encouragement that it helped you mature in your faith? How was prayer involved? Who is that person in your life today?
3. In your answer to the second question, were you able to reciprocate to those friends who provided you with spiritual comfort and encouragement, and what did that look like? Was prayer involved, whether it was on your own or together with these friends?
4. What friendships do you have where the other person's maturity in Christ is a high priority for you? How are you praying for them?

#### **Prayer-Laboratory Practicum - Cultivating Relationships that Matter to God**

Discipline #1: If you don't have someone already, find a prayer partner where you commit to pray for each other's faith in Christ to grow, and lift up each other's prayer concerns. Need help finding that person? Please contact Cinda Siligmuller or Kristine Aragon Bruce.

Discipline #2: If you aren't comfortable praying out loud, start small with one or two sentences with your prayer partner. Don't be afraid to pray using notes if needed!

Discipline #3 Pray that God would show you how God might be calling you to grow more in your faith. Share these things with your prayer partner.