

Faith That Intercedes

Life Group Questions for May 24, 2026
Count the Stars Sermon Series

Welcome & Check-In

- Icebreaker question: *Share one example of where you have seen God work miraculously through prayer.*
- *Where have you seen God at work in your life since we last met?*

FOLLOWING JESUS: Scripture & Reflection

1. Read Genesis 18:1-33 out loud as a group.
What words or phrases stand out to you?
What questions do you have?
2. Reflect back on Genesis 18:1-8 and read Hebrews 13:1-2.
How do these verses challenge you as a host?
If the Angel of the Lord were to give you a surprise visit, what would He find?

IN COMMUNITY: Sharing & Support

3. In discussing Abraham's hospitality, Ryan Lunde made the following points:
Abraham had ROOM in his heart for God because:
 - He had HUMILITY in himself.
 - He had HOPE in God.
 - He had a HEART for his guests.*When it comes to being hospitable, which of these are the most difficult for you?*
What kind of person is most difficult for you to be hospitable toward?
Where might God be inviting you to grow in your love for others?
4. Ryan discussed how the challenges in Abraham's life prepared him for greater faith and faithfulness.
As you look back through your own life, what have particular seasons of suffering prepared you for?

ON MISSION: Next Steps

5. Ryan stated, "Opening our hearts to God opens our hearts to the rest of humanity."
Where or how have you seen this to be true in your own life?
How has God softened and grown your heart toward others?
Who is God asking you to intercede for today?
Who will you reach out to as a "host" this week? (neighbor? family member? person that you see in our community?, etc.)
6. Revisit and add to your prayer list, then pray for one another.

Prayer:

With your answers from question #5 in mind, start in silence, listening for the voice of the Holy Spirit. Commit extra time to corporate prayer, allowing the Lord to guide your words as he brings people to mind.

For Further Reflection this Week:

Ryan shared the following quote by British Evangelist and Author Leonard Ravenhill, who is known for challenging complacency in the church:

*"The Church has many organizers but few **agonizers**; many who pay but few who **pray**; many resters but few **wrestlers**; many who are enterprising, but few who are **interceding**. People who are not **praying** are playing. Two prerequisites of dynamic Christian living are vision and passion, and both of these are generated in the prayer closet. The ministry of preaching is open to a few. The ministry of prayer is open to every child of God. Don't mistake action for **unction**, commotion for **creation**, and rattles for **revivals**. When we pray, God listens to our heartbeat."*

1. Consider the words in bold. Which ones stand out to you?
2. As you seek the Lord in prayer, choose one each day to focus on.
3. Honestly, ask yourself if your prayer life tends to be more focused on "agonizing" or "organizing"... "wrestling" or "resting", etc.
4. What would it look like for you to ask God to help you to be more diligent in prayer in each of the ways discussed in this quote?