

Direction Message 3 Joshua Masters April 3, 2022

Outline

"Pray that the LORD your God will tell us where we should go and what we should do." Jeremiah 42:3 (NIV)

A. Praying Together. (2 Chronicles 20:1-2. C/R: Psalm 27:13; 32:8; Proverbs 3:5-6; James 1:5)

The church must pray (together) through

into .

B. We seek God's direction and miracles by...

1. _____together in _____

and fasting.*

(2 Chronicles 20:3-5. C/R: Esther 4:16; Matthew 18:19-20; Acts 1:14; 4:31; 13:2)

2. _____ God's glory

and . (2 Chronicles 20:6-9. C/R: Psalm 34:3: 1 Chronicles 16:23-24; Romans 15:5-6)

3. ______we're _____. (2 Chronicles 20:10-17. C/R: Proverbs 26:12; Matthew 5:3; Romans 5:6; 7:18-19)

4. God with

worship.

(2 Chronicles 20:18-30. C/R: Joshua 6:20; Psalm 29:1-2; 136:1; Acts 1:8)

*For additional resources and a Brookwood podcast series on fasting, visit brookwoodchurch.org/fasting.

Answers: A. uncertainty, confidence B.1. Participating, prayer 2. Proclaiming, promises 3. Professing, powerless 4. Praising, power-filled

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Discussion & Prayer Guide

As we dive deeper into what it means to be a praying church, use the prompts below to help guide prayer time in your Community Group, family or by yourself. To connect with others, visit <u>brookwoodchurch.org/adults</u>.

Conversation Starter

How has worship helped you in distressing times?

Prayer Guide

Take time to pray through each prompt below. After each prayer, ask God what He wants you to know in that moment and take time to listen.

Opening Prayer

• Pause and invite God into this time of prayer.

Read <u>2 Chronicles 20:5-6</u>, <u>21</u>

- Thank God for hearing our prayers.
- Praise God for His awesome power and greatness.
- Praise God for His love for us.

Read <u>2 Chronicles 20:6-9</u> and <u>Psalm 34:4-6</u>

- Thank God for keeping His promises.
- Ask God to give you strength to pray, even in the face of great troubles.

Read <u>2 Chronicles 20:15-17</u> and <u>Romans 5:6</u>

- Ask God to strengthen you when you feel helpless and powerless.
- Ask God to speak to you and reveal His plans for you in His time.
- Ask God to help you accept His plans, and let Him work in you.

Read <u>2 Chronicles 20:18-19</u>, <u>Psalm 28:6-7</u> and <u>Psalm 29:1-2</u>

- Ask God to help you praise Him, even when you're struggling.
- Praise God for the great things He's done in your life.
- Thank God for the Psalms and worship music that draw us closer to Him.

Closing Prayer

- Ask God to give us confidence to pray, praise and share our love for Him with others.
- Ask God to continue to protect us from the enemy.

Bible Study and Group Discussion

Discuss how the prayer time was for your group. Share the ways God spoke during this time.

Read <u>Daniel 2:10-23</u>, <u>27-28</u>

- 1. King Nebuchadnezzar made difficult demands. What was Daniel's response in <u>verse 16</u>? How do you respond to such demands in your life?
- 2. Who did Daniel and his friends turn to for help? How do you use prayer to seek guidance in your life?
- 3. After the secret was revealed, Daniel praised God for it. How do you react when you succeed? Who gets the glory?
- 4. What did Daniel say to the king in <u>verses 27-28</u>? How do you share your story of what God's done in your life?

Spiritual Practice

A spiritual practice is training for the soul. By building these into your everyday life, you're sure to strengthen your relationship with God.

Fasting gives us the opportunity to remove obstacles and brings us into a closer relationship with God. To learn more about how to incorporate fasting into your life, visit brookwoodchurch.org/fasting.

If you'd like to join our Watchers Prayer Team, who pray daily for Brookwood Church, visit: <u>brookwoodchurch.org/prayer</u>.

Memory Verse

Pray that the LORD your God will show us what to do and where to go.

Jeremiah 42:3 (NIV)

Daily Reading

Day 1: <u>Proverbs 3:5-6</u> Day 2: <u>Esther 4:16</u> Day 3: <u>Romans 15:5-6</u> Day 4: <u>Matthew 5:3</u> Day 5: <u>Psalm 29:1-2</u>

Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, April 10, we'll conclude our series *Praying (Together) Through...* We'll learn about Jesus' prayer at Gethsemane and overcoming distress. To prepare, read <u>Matthew 26:36-46</u>.



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