

BIBLE STUDY GUIDE FOR FBC FAMILIES & E-GROUPS

Sermon Title: **“A PAUSE TO DRAW NEAR TO THE LORD!”**

Sermon Text: **1 Thess. 5: 17**

A. OPENING PRAYER (Father/Mother/E-Group Member)

B. SHARING TIME (Let each one share a brief summary of how's their week been!)

C. ICEBREAKER QUESTION

“Share a memorable story on answered prayer that you personally experienced or heard!”

(Transition Sentence: *“Thank you for your sharing. We have heard sermons & stories about prayer, but today we are going to study why a habit or discipline of prayer must be an integral part of our life as believers & followers of the Lord Jesus Christ...”***)**

C. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) *Read passage – Let somebody read Hebrews 1 Thess. 5: 16-18.*
- 2) *What is the meaning of the phrase “without ceasing” or “continually” as used in 1 Thess. 5:17?*
- 3) *In his message, Pastor shared three important reasons why we pray as believers: [1] It proves that we are truly children of the Lord!, [2] It prepares/equips us for life's daily battles! We battle against our flesh, the Devil, & the world! [3] It provides us access to the miraculous or supernatural help of God!*
 - a. *From these reasons, what do you like the most & why?*
 - b. *From reason [1], How does prayer prove you are a child of God? (Eph. 1:13; Gal. 4: 6)*
 - c. *From reason [2], Which of the three enemies identified bothered you the most & why? How can we use prayer as a spiritual weapon? (Matt. 6: 9-13; Jn. 17: 15; Eph. 6: 18)*
 - d. *From reason [3] Do you believe that the Lord still intervenes in our daily life & does miracles in our behalf? Why or why not?*
- 3) *What is preventing you from pursuing a consistent & effective prayer life?*
- 4) *What significant change or resolution are you going to make to improve your prayer life starting today?*

D. PRAYER TIME & CLOSING PRAYER (Father/Mother/E-Group Leader/Member)

- 1) *Ask the prayer concern/request of each one & pray for one another. You can do also do this by telling them to pray for the person on their right & left or pray together simultaneously.*
- 2) *The father/mother/Facilitator can close the meeting with a prayer.*