

ICEBREAKER

- What has been your experience with intercessory prayer?
- Are there any nations around the world you are currently interceding for?

IDEA 1 - BATTLE AGAINST THE UNSEEN WORLD

Read Ephesians 6:12:

"We are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places."

- What is your reaction to the truth that our battle is not against flesh and blood but against mighty powers and authorities in the unseen realm?
- Rob shared that "our prayers change eternity, break injustice, and set captives free." Do you truly believe your prayers have this kind of power? Why or why not?
- How do we maintain faithful to intercede when so often we can't see the direct impact of your prayers?

IDEA 2 - REASONS TO INTERCEDE

Rob shared with us three reasons to intercede for our world:

1. It counters being overwhelmed.
2. It expands our view of God and the World.
3. It's our calling.

- Which of these reasons to intercede most resonates with you?
- Which of these do you notice resistance to?
- What is one way that God might be inviting you to respond to this collective calling of intercession?

EXPERIENCING GOD TOGETHER: INTERCESSION

Hand slips of paper out to each person in the group then have them write out which country/region of the world they feel led to intercede for.

Invite each person to write out their prayer of intercession on the paper starting with “Your kingdom come, your will be done in ...”

Next, have them write down what specific parts of God’s kingdom they desire to see God manifest there e.g. God would you bring your justice, your peace, your healing, etc

Once everyone has had a chance to write their prayer (3-5 minutes), have those who would like to, pray their prayers out loud with the group.

PRACTICE FOR THIS WEEK: INTERCEDE FOR THE NATIONS

Take your paper with your written prayer home with you. Put it in a place you will see often and use it as a reminder/tool to help you continue interceding for that nation/region of the world each day this week.