



LIFE GROUPS 2019

NLC Life Group Study

Week of October 27, 2019

DANGEROUS PRAYERS | Send Me

Life Group Schedule

30 MIN Eat, Meet & Greet

15 MIN Ice Breaker Game: **Ball Toss**. ITEMS NEEDED: A large beach ball or bouncy ball.
INSTRUCTIONS: Write several questions on the ball (Examples: "Describe yourself in one word," "biggest strength," "biggest weakness," "favorite vacation spot," "favorite place you WANT to go but have never been," etc. Be creative! Outlandish questions are fair game! Examples: "If you could ride one animal 100x its size into battle, what would it be?" "If you could squirt one condiment out of your belly button, what would it be?") Before playing, set a rule for which question to answer (Example: Answer the question that your left thumb touches). Players pass the ball around and answer the question they're left thumb lands on (or whatever rule you put in play).

TRANSITION: As you're gathering, spend some time in **WORSHIP & PRAYER**.

45 MIN | DANGEROUS PRAYERS | SEND ME

- We often pray safe prayers: God, protect me. God, watch over me. God, help me. God, bless me. God, do this for me.
 - › There's nothing **WRONG** with these prayers, but they are safe.
- Our dangerous prayer today is **SEND ME**.
 - › This week is a prayer of availability. Most prayer requests are prayers that help you or those around you. But, today is a prayer that is more about "God, how may help you?"

READ ISAIAH 6:1-8

- Isaiah sees a vision of God, seated on the throne, high and exalted, His Presence filling the Temple, with the angels crying **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**. Isaiah knew he was unclean, but the Lord's presence brought forgiveness.
 - › Unlike Jonah, who responded, "Here I am, I'm outta here!" (Jonah 1:2-3). Gideon: "Here I am. I'm not good enough!" (Judges 6:14-15). Moses: "Here I am. Send someone else!" (Ex. 4:12-13).
 - › Isaiah responded, "Here I am. **SEND ME**."
 - › God can't use uncommitted people, only people who are willing. (2 Chr. 16:9).

HOW DOES GOD WANT TO USE US?

1. God wants to use us where we are.

- You don't have to wait for a calling, for God to speak, to be smarter, or be more spiritual. (See John 4:35; Luke 2:10)

Q1. Where are you in life right now that God can use you? (Think about your workplace or school, your hobbies, where you shop, and who you generally interact with everywhere you go).

2. God wants to use us where we are gifted.

- We are all gifted and talented.
- Spiritual gifts are given by God. (See Romans 12:4-5).

- › Don't be prideful about a gift. God gave it to you.
- Spiritual gifts are given differently. (See Romans 12:6)
 - › Don't covet someone else's gift. God gave it to them.
- Spiritual gifts are given to serve. (See 1 Cor. 12:4-7)
 - › Given to meet others' needs. A consumer is in it for what they can receive; a contributor is in it for what they can give.

Q2. How has God gifted you that you can use to honor Him, bring others closer to Him? Do you feel like your gifts are latent, maybe not being used like they could be? Do you know what your spiritual gifts are?

3. God wants to use us where we are called.

- God does not call the qualified. He qualifies the called.

Q3. What are you passionate about? What do you have a heart for? (Do your spiritual gifts line up with your passion?)

Q4. What natural abilities has God given you? (Ex.: Maybe you're great with a hammer, but not with a microphone!).

Q5. What life experiences do you have that uniquely qualify you to help someone else?

TAKE PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAY OVER NEEDS