



Prayer Yearning for the Full Harvest:

Team Evaluation, Discovery Bible Story Set, & Resources

Introduction to FPS's Prayer Strategies Discovery Bible Studies Set:

Prayer—or engagement with God—is integral to every aspect of the lives of the team members and the corporate team, as well as to the strategy and approach they use. Within this document, you will find the following: a definition and explanation to the Prayer strategy, a set of questions to help you diagnosis the status of your team's use of this strategy, a Discovery Bible Story Set to help you understand Scripture's view on this strategy, and links for further resources related to this Prayer strategy. We recommend completing the team's diagnostic first then adapt the Discovery Story Set to meet your team's needs. Feel free to use the typical DBS questions, however, in addition we've tried to suggest you ask these much deeper questions to elicit specifics regarding this strategy. The Fellowship of Prayer Strategists have a set of nineteen different prayer strategies. These are not intended to be the complete picture of this strategy but a glimpse at the use for this strategy. You can find more strategies at www.prayerstrategists.net. We hope these tools will prove helpful in considering ways you and your team can increase your capacity for extraordinary prayer for the sake of the King and His Kingdom.

Prayer Yearning for the Full Harvest

Definition: Eagerly pressing forward with urgency to reap the white harvest in order that the Lamb who was slain receives His full reward.

Explanation: From the beginning following man's fall into sin, God Himself came searching for Adam and Eve. God chose Abram to bless that he might in turn bless all nations through him. God invites us to ask of Him for the nations and promises to pour out His Spirit in the last days on all flesh. Jesus came to seek and save that which was lost and to give His life a ransom for many. God's heart is that none should perish; God so loved that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes might not perish. The Good Shepherd leaves the 99 and searches for the one lost sheep. Matthew 24 tells us this gospel will be preached to all nations; in Revelation, a great throng worships before His Throne from every tongue, tribe and nation. We pray eagerly yearning for the full harvest to be gathered in. As we draw near to God, we cannot help but catch His heartbeat longing for every place to be filled at His table. With Paul, we long to take the gospel to the "regions beyond."

Diagnostic Questions for You & Your Team:

1. How are you identifying with and expressing this yearning for the full harvest in your prayer?
2. As you delight yourselves in the Lord, how are you experiencing His longing for the full harvest? Is the compelling of His love the driving force and motivation for your work?
3. What good things are you doing that are hindering completion of the best?
4. How might God show you to align your priorities with His in this area? What hindrances should be cast off or what sins laid aside to press forward in His purposes?

Discovery Bible Story Set:

1. “The Missionary God” – **Genesis 3:1-10**
 - A. **Pray** as a group before beginning that God would speak to us and open our hearts to hear Him.
 - B. **Read** the entire passage aloud at least 2 times or listen to an audio version twice through. If your group uses storying, present the scripture in this way. Then, have the group practice re-telling the story together.
 - C. **Discussion questions:**
 - What do you like about the story? What is difficult or what don’t you like?
 - What do you learn about people from this story? What do you learn about God?
 - Who in the story went searching? Who had hidden?
 - How is God engaging with the people in this story?
 - D. Take a few minutes to **quietly listen** to God. What is He instructing you to understand and/or to do from what you’re hearing? Share with each other what you’re sensing.
 - E. Who is God asking you to **share** this story with? When will you do it? Share with the group.
 - F. What key principles about yearning for the full harvest can you draw from this passage?

God not only was the Missionary, but He recruited a people to join Him in the search for lost mankind.

2. “Blessed to be a Blessing” – **Genesis 12:1-3**
 - G. **Pray** before beginning that God would speak to us and open our hearts to hear Him.
 - H. **Read** the entire passage completely through.
 - I. **Discussion questions:**
 - What do you like about the story? What is difficult or what don’t you like?
 - What do you learn about people from this story? What do you learn about God?
 - How might this story relate to your own assignment from the Lord?
 - Why was God blessing Abram, for what purpose?
 - J. Take a few minutes to quietly **listen to God**. What is He instructing you to do and/or to understand from what you’re hearing? Share with each other what you’re sensing.
 - K. Who is God asking you to **share** this story with? When will you do it? Share with the group.
 - L. What key principles about God’s heart for the harvest can you draw from this passage?

God invites us to ask for the nations.

3. “Ask of Me” – **Psalm 2**

A. **Pray** before beginning that God would speak to us and open our hearts to hear Him.

B. **Read** the entire passage completely through.

C. **Discussion questions:**

- What do you like about the story? What is difficult or what don't you like?
- What do you learn about people from this story? What do you learn about God?
- How might this story relate to your own assignment from the Lord?
- What does God invite us to do?
- For what purpose does He invite us to ask for the nations?

D. Take a few minutes to quietly **listen to God**. What is He instructing you to do and/or to understand from what you're hearing? Share with each other what you're sensing.

E. Who is God asking you to **share** this story with? When will you do it? Share with the group.

F. What key principles about the full harvest and God's heart can you draw from this passage?

Psalm 22:3 tells us He is enthroned on the praises of His people. Let's consider the role we are called into as followers of Christ Jesus and what that might entail.

4. “Poured Out on All Flesh” – **Joel 2:28-32**

A. **Pray** before beginning that God would speak to us and open our hearts to hear Him.

B. **Read** the entire passage completely through.

C. **Discussion questions:**

- What do you like about the story? What is difficult or what don't you like?
- What do you learn about people from this story? What do you learn about God?
- What promise has God made in the last days? What is the result of His fulfilling that?

D. Take a few minutes to quietly **listen to God**. What is He instructing you to do and/or to understand from what you're hearing? Share with each other what you're sensing.

E. Who is God asking you to **share** this story with? When will you do it? Share with the group.

F. What key principles about yearning for the full harvest can you draw from this passage?

Further Bible Passages to Study on Yearning for the Full Harvest:

A. Matthew 9:35-38

B. Mark 5:1-20

C. Luke 14:15-24

D. Hebrews 12:1-3

E. 2 Peter 3:3-15

F. Revelation 5:8-14

Further Resources on Prayer Yearning for the Full Harvest:

- “Understanding the Remaining Missions Task” video: <https://youtu.be/SVmTU13rgo8>

- **Joshua Project's Unreached People of the Day:**
<https://joshuaproject.net/pray/unreachedoftheday/today>
- **Pray for the 31-Prayer Guide** Pray for the largest 31 Frontier People Groups
<https://go31.org/>
- **International Day for the Unreached** DayForTheUnreached.org
- **GO2020 (Global Outreach Day)** <https://www.go2020.world/prayer>
- **Inherit the Nations:** Become an advocate for ONE Frontier People Group in partnership with a field team www.inheritthenations.net
- **Global Prayer Resource Network** <http://www.globalprn.com/>

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Learn bold strategies needed to combat the four forces of darkness. Everything hinges on defeating these four. Three essential disciplines to do effective spiritual warfare. Identify the five pressure points that change cities and nations. An army of worshipping warriors can impact a lost and troubled world.
- ***Hastening: No Place Left***, Book 1 of 2, Read by Adam Verner.
A Thriller novel (published two years before the 24:14 Coalition formed) in which a generation is gripped with a vision for movements among every people by 2025. To request your free copy, enter "The31" and The31@MultMove.net as your "generous friend" at <http://npl2025.org/claim-your-copy/>
- ***Stubborn Perseverance***, James Nyman, 2017, James Nyman, USA.
The fictionalized story of a movement based on real events. To request your free copy, enter "The31" and The31@MultMove.net as your "generous friend" at <http://stubbornperseverance.org/claim-your-copy/>.
- ***That None Should Perish—How to Reach Entire Cities for Christ Through Prayer Evangelism***, Ed Silvano, 1994 Regal Books, Ventura, CA.
As a strategic thinker in the areas of evangelism and church planting, Ed and his team have developed a biblical prototype to reach entire cities for Christ, using prayer evangelism as the main tool. This prototype is being implemented in numerous cities on three continents.
- ***These Signs Shall Follow: The Miraculous Memoirs of a Foot Dragging Disciple***, Neil W. Gamble, 2013, Charleston, SC.
Neil shares experiences with Jesus over the last 30 years and the lessons he learned pursuing the naturally supernatural expression of Christianity the Bible calls us to live out. Neil is an international trainer/teacher/speaker involved in the discipleship/house church planting movement. His book shares simple principles of discipleship and intimacy with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit that he models.

Further resources and connection with other prayer strategists are available through the Fellowship of Prayer Strategists and their website www.prayerstrategists.net.