



# *Pray Big: The Power of Pinpoint Prayers*

## **Discussion Group Leader's Guide**

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Welcome to the Leader's Guide for *Pray Big: The Power of Pinpoint Prayers*. I'm honored that you've chosen to study *Pray Big*, and I applaud you for taking on a small group leadership role. I believe that God will use this study not only to make you and your group members better intercessors, but also to grow and mature you as a leader.

### **In this guide,**

*I want to equip you to lead your group's sessions in a meaningful and practical way. I want you to feel totally set up to win as you embark on this leadership journey. Beyond that, I want you to see firsthand the impact that praying big has in the lives of others. As you walk through this study with your group members, you're going to pray with and for them. You're going to see them mature in their faith as they begin to receive tangible answers from God.*

### **Study Goals**

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Below are five goals I have for you and your group as you begin this study:

**Goal #1** To grasp the principles of pinpoint praying. Pinpoint praying isn't rocket science, but it does require some thought and intentionality. I want you and your group members to understand what it means to pray both biblically and specifically. The principles of pinpoint praying are spelled out clearly in the book. Don't rush

through them. Understanding them will help you make the proper adjustments in your requests to God.

**Goal #2** To learn to use your Bible in prayer. The Word of God is the most effective tool and resource we have for pinpoint praying. I want you to learn to use it as the source and wording for your prayers. Bring your Bible to your meetings and encourage your group members to share verses they're praying. Together you will learn just how easy and potent scriptural praying can be.

**Goal #3** To learn to pray big. A major theme of *Pray Big* is learning to pray Big, Hairy, Audacious Prayers (BHAPs). In your group sessions, I want you to search the Scriptures and ask God to show you some big requests that you should be praying for as a group. Covenant together to bring your requests faithfully to God, and make sure you journal the process. Together you'll learn how to raise the level of your requests and your prayer intensity before God.

**Goal #4** To increase your faith. God is going to answer your prayers and move in powerful ways in your group. He can't wait to show you just how ready and willing he is to answer your pinpoint prayers. As he does, your faith will grow. You'll believe in his Word on a deeper and more profound level and have greater confidence of his deliverance and provision in difficult times. And as your faith grows, you'll pray with greater authority.

**Goal #5** To see our homes, churches, nation, and world changed through prayer. Prayer changes things; it gets things done. Prayer is the currency of God's kingdom. A nation filled with men and women who practice the principles of pinpoint praying will be a nation on its way to spiritual awakening. Our homes, churches, and nation need the kind of outpouring of God's grace that pinpoint praying can bring. When we as believers learn to pray more effectively, more passionately, and more biblically, we'll see the results in our world.

## Getting Started

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Below are a few suggestions for getting your group off to a good start.

1. Start praying for the group. Pray every day for your group members during the study. Your prayers will add momentum to the group and will increase the Holy Spirit's activity during your meetings.

2. Group size. I suggest limiting the group to eight people. That still may actually be a little too big. If you want time for good discussion, four to six people is the ideal size. But given the fact you may have one or two people out each week, eight should work.
3. Group members. *Pray Big* is written with praying Christians in mind. It assumes the reader is a believer who wants to improve his or her prayer life. Use your judgment on whether a nonbeliever would enjoy the group. While most of the chapters will probably speak to and encourage them, chapter 4 (praying for nonbelievers) may be offensive to them.
4. Keep a journal. As the group's leader, you'll want to keep a record of what God does throughout the study. Start recording your prayer requests even before the group starts. As you get to know the members, you'll be able to list more specific requests for each member.

## Group Sessions

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1. Meet weekly rather than every other week. Meeting bimonthly adds twice the length to your schedule and can inhibit group momentum and intimacy.
2. Keep your meetings at one to one and a half hours. This should provide ample time for discussion and prayer.
3. Delegate group responsibilities. Give group members various jobs, depending on their comfort level. Ask one to be the prayer leader. Ask another to serve as timekeeper. You might also want to ask different members to lead the discussion on various chapters. That will take some pressure off you and allow others to take on a leadership role.
4. Below are four- and six-week schedules for groups. You're welcome to go longer, but four- and six-week studies usually work best with people's schedules. You probably won't have time to really study every chapter during your meetings, so you might let the group decide in advance what chapters they want to spend time on.
5. There are study questions at the end of each chapter in *Pray Big*. Feel free to add to them and/or reword them to suit your group's needs. The questions are there as conversation starters and to help you better process the information in each chapter.

6. After you've read and discussed chapter 2, agree on some big, hairy, audacious prayers that you'll pray as a group. Keep a record of them and see how God responds to your prayers. Be sure to have a way to communicate with group members after the study ends. God's answers to your prayers will keep coming long after the group stops meeting.

*Two Possible Study Plans for Pray Big*

## **Four-Week Study**

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### Week One

Chapter 1: Lord, Teach Us to Pray: Pinpoint Praying for Beginners

Chapter 2: Big, Hairy, Audacious Prayers: Pinpoint Praying for Miracles

### Week Two

Chapter 3: Checkbooks, Car Keys, and Axheads: Pinpoint Praying for Little Things

Chapter 4: From Spiritually Dead to Spiritual Servant: Pinpoint Praying for Unbelievers

Chapter 5: Help! Pinpoint Praying in Crisis Times

### Week Three

Chapter 6: Lord, We Agree: Pinpoint Praying with Other Christians

Chapter 7: Following Jesus's Example: Pinpoint Praying for Your Spouse

Chapter 8: Clean Hands and a Pure Heart: Pinpoint Praying for Your Children

### Week Four

Chapter 9: It's Okay to Ask: Pinpoint Praying for Yourself

Chapter 10: Ugh! Pinpoint Praying When You Don't Know How to Pray

## **Six-Week Study**

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### Week One

Chapter 1: Lord, Teach Us to Pray: Pinpoint Praying for Beginners

### Week Two

Chapter 2: Big, Hairy, Audacious Prayers: Pinpoint Praying for Miracles

### Week Three

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Week Six

Chapter 9: It's Okay to Ask: Pinpoint Praying for Yourself

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