



## Part 3: Making It Matter

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***Prayer is a balanced interaction of  
praise, confession, thanks and petition.***  
– Tim Keller

### **The Relational Themes of Scripture\***

- Grace** How great is the love the Father has lavished on us that we should be called children of God. – 1 John 3:1
- Love** Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. – Matthew 22:37,38
- Compassion** My command is this, love one another as I have loved you.  
– John 15:12
- Repentance** Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. – Psalm 51:2
- Worship** I will praise you, O Lord, with all my heart, I will tell of all your wonderful deeds. – Psalm 9:1
- Commitment** You call me “Teacher and Lord”. You are right. That is what I am.  
– John 13:13
- Dependence** Be filled with the Holy Spirit. – Ephesians 5:18b
- Influence** We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father full of grace and truth. – Matthew 1:14
- Discipleship** Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. – Matthew 28:19
- Authority** Therefore, God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him a name that is above every name. – Philippians 2:9

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**Two powerful words of commitment:**

**I will**

## **I will covenant with God to:**

- Connect with God each day in prayer for 40 days
- Commit to praying the Prayer Covenant for 10 days and then invite another person to partner with you in the Prayer Covenant
- Commit to receiving Pastor Grant's prayer letter and faithfully praying over those prayer requests
- Commit to pray for one hour every week at a specific time (24/7 Prayer)
- Commit to praying for the people that I invited to Christmas Eve with the goal of bringing them with me to Easter

## **Next Steps**

Stop by one or more of the prayer ministry booths in the Commons today to learn how you can get connected in prayer:

1. **40 Day Prayer Covenant** - covenant cards are available at the table if you're making this commitment
2. **24/7 Prayer** - sign up to pray for an hour every week at a specific time to help us create a 24/7 covering of prayer
3. **Light of the World Prayer Center** - learn about the purpose and activities of this community prayer center

## **Small Group Questions**

- 1) What is the most powerful promise, vow, or covenant you have made in your lifetime? Have you kept it?
- 2) Have you ever made a promise, vow, or covenant that you broke but would love to revisit?
- 3) Which of the relational themes is the most challenging for you? Why?
- 4) Commitment is challenging for anyone. Does bringing God into your commitment change your desire or ability to see it through?
- 5) Read out loud each of the scriptures listed on the front of this outline. Knowing that God is hearing/saying those words is powerful. How does praying scripture bring us into alignment with God's will for our lives?
- 6) What do you need prayer for today?

**OUR MISSION** | To create an authentic Christian community that effectively reaches out to unchurched people in love, acceptance and forgiveness so that they may experience the joy of salvation and a purposeful life of discipleship.