

## WORSHIP

### SUGGESTED WORSHIP SONGS:

No Other Like Jesus, You, You Are God, The Same Jesus, You Are God Alone, Jesus, The Same Jesus

## WELCOME

When was the last time you experienced an answered prayer? How did that affect the way you viewed God?

## WORD

### EPHESIANS 1:16-20

*<sup>16</sup>...do not cease giving thanks for you, while making mention of you in my prayers;<sup>17</sup> that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him.<sup>18</sup> I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,<sup>19</sup> and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might<sup>20</sup> which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places.*

The apostle Paul's prayer was for the eyes of the Ephesian saints to be "enlightened" so that they will see certain spiritual truths that are not physically discerned. Another man of God, the Old Testament prophet Elisha, prayed, "Open his eyes, Lord, so that he may see" (**2 Kings 6:17**) that his servant may see the spiritual reality which exists alongside the physical dimension of our world. Today, we can also ask God to open our spiritual eyes so that we can discern what He wants us to see and what He wants us to do in relation to what we see. For example, if God were to do a miracle in someone's life, how would He go about delivering that miracle? Would He command mighty angelic beings to do His bidding? Perhaps, at more times than we can know. But amazingly, the Bible tells us that God is always on the lookout for human partners who will be willing to carry out His commands. Apparently, God is not looking for perfect messengers (like His angels), but for available volunteers among His people. When God says "YES" to someone's desperate prayers, He usually sends His answers through other people — ordinary ones like you and me.

### GOD IS ALWAYS AT WORK IN HEAVEN

God is always at work, and He wants us to cooperate with His work to do mighty things on earth. Jesus affirms this fact that His Father is always at work (**John 5:17**), and Jesus was also at work in tandem with His Father. What is God "working on" in heaven? He is answering prayers sent from earth! God's answer may be "yes", "no" or "not yet" but whatever is His answer, He is looking for partners to carry out His work on earth. The Bible gives us glimpses of what happens in heaven before God's throne. In **1 Kings 22:19-22** we see an example of how God can even allow volunteer spiritual beings to participate in strategizing and carrying out His planned action on earth. In another passage (**Isaiah 6:8**), the prophet Isaiah became the volunteer God was looking for among all the heavenly beings that were gathered before His throne: "I heard the voice of the Lord say, 'Whom will I send? Who will go on our behalf?' I answered, 'Here I am, send me!'" The

question before us today is, will you volunteer to go for God to deliver His answers to someone's prayers from heaven's throne, to earthly homes and human hearts?

### WE HAVE A MISSION ON EARTH

God has a mission for us on earth, that is why all of us are "missionaries"! Many times, we may feel a heavenly nudge to do something for someone else, but we choose to ignore that prompting of the Spirit. You see, sometimes the world's needs are obvious to us, but other times, it is not easily seen with the physical eyes. But God sees, and He knows the needs of people around us and He wants to send you to the right person at the right time to bring His answer to their often-silent cries for help. God wants to send you on a "miracle mission" because someone out there, perhaps in your very own home, is praying for a miracle. Partnering with God will cost us; it will be inconvenient, and it will often involve sharing our resources that we ourselves need. Sometimes, God may want you to give all the money that you have available to someone in great financial need. Will you give all that God wants you to give for the sake of others in the "mission field"? If you are willing to partner with God, you can make yourself available to deliver His answer to someone's prayer. Simply asking someone, "Is there anything I can do for you today?" can lead to answered prayers for that person. When the prophet Elijah asked his successor, what he can do for him (Elisha), Elisha's request to inherit a double portion of Elijah's spirit was granted—a miracle for Elisha (**2 Kings 2:9-12**). When God asked Solomon what he desires God would do for the new king, the miraculous happened—Solomon became the wisest and though he never asked for it, even the richest and most powerful king on earth (**1 Kings 3:5-13**). When Jesus would ask ordinary people what He can do for them, miracles happened in their lives as Jesus answered their humanly impossible requests like restoration of sight (**Mark 10:51; Matthew 20:30-34**). Perhaps the only thing that God wants you to do for someone is to listen to that person and

## WORD (cont'd)

pray for their concerns. It may seem like such a small thing, but that may be a lifesaver for someone who thinks that nobody in the world cares for them. Small acts of kindness when entrusted in God's hands will accomplish great things for His kingdom agenda (**John 6:9-13**).

### THE GREATEST "MIRACLE MISSION"

The greatest need that we can help people with is not financial, nor is it physical or even emotional. It is spiritual in nature. The greatest miracle mission that we can ever go

on in partnership with God is to deliver the message of the gospel of Jesus Christ to everyone around us. We do not need to wait for a special divine nudge to do this! God has already given the orders for the gospel message to be sent out to all the nations as we are to make disciples everywhere we go. When we share Christ to others, we are partnering with God and accomplishing what we have been born to do. You have been put on earth to accomplish the mission God has called us to do. Be available each time He sends you to bring His answer to someone in need of His help, in need of Jesus! You were born for this—now go do it!

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

*(Leaders: Please choose questions that are appropriate to the level of spiritual maturity of your members)*

1. **Self-Check.** How's is your availability and willingness to volunteer for God's mission of touching people with the love of Christ?
2. **Setting It Right.** What will you do in the next few days to partner with God in delivering His answers to someone's prayers for help?
3. **Living It Out.** Who can be God sending you to for the delivery of His greatest miracle ever—the offer of forgiveness, eternal life with Him through Jesus? When will you deliver this miracle to that person?

## WORKS

### PRAY CARE SHARE IN ACTION

Start asking people around you, "What can I pray for you today?", and "What can I do for you today?" Partner with God in delivering His answer to their needs by praying for them, caring for them in tangible ways and sharing Christ to them, the greatest miracle they will ever need.

### WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

#### I. Thanksgiving

- Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives

#### II. Country and the World

- Upright and moral governance of Public Servants
- A God-centered Philippines
- Repentance and Salvation

#### III. Church

- That CCF Members would honor and love God and make disciples
- Elders, Pastors, Leaders, and Families
- Ministries and Churches worldwide

#### IV. CCF Facilities

- Worship and Training Center
- Prayer Mountain

#### V. Personal Concerns

- Deeper intimate relationship with God
- Righteous living
- Salvation of family and friends