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WHEN THE CHURCH PRAYS
Discussion Guide

BIG IDEA

Setbacks will continue to happen in our lives. How do you respond to them? Pastor Daniel describes the difference between escaping and being delivered from our setbacks. Earnest prayer helps in seeking agreement with God and delivering us from those difficult times.

SCRIPTURES USED IN THE MESSAGE

- Acts 12:1-17
- James 5:16
- Matthew 18:19-20
- Philippians 4:7

TALK IT OVER

Choose questions that keep the discussion moving. No need to discuss every question.

- What was your first major setback in life? The most recent? How did you respond?
- Read Acts 12:1-5. How did the early church respond to setbacks?
- What do you expect when you pray? What has been the result of your prayers? Why do you believe there's power in prayer?
- Read Acts 12:6-17. What is the difference between escaping and being delivered from a setback? Which should we seek?
- What are you trying to escape that you need to earnestly pray for God's deliverance instead?

APPLICATION IDEAS

- Ask each participant how the group can pray for them during 21 Days of Prayer. Discuss what it means to earnestly pray and commit to doing that for one another.

PRAYER FOCUS

At Lifepoint, we pray until something happens. Make time in every group meeting to pray for one another and the larger matters of concern to your group.

- Pray for God to increase the faith of each person as they earnestly pray for each other during 21 Days of Prayer.

LEADER TIPS

- Prayer is powerful. Earnestly pray for God to lead you and your group members before your group gathering starts, during the meeting, when it ends, and throughout the week. "Pray continually." (1 Thessalonians 5:17).