Leader's Guide – Praying for Our One

Revelation 5:8 | Pastor Dave Bennett | March 8, 2026

Session Overview

This session explores what it means to pray specifically and persistently for the one person God has placed on our hearts. Drawing from Luke 15 and Revelation 5:8, the group will reflect on how prayer personalizes the mission, partners with the Holy Spirit, and reminds us that no prayer for our one is wasted. Participants will be encouraged to pray with faith, persistence, and surrender as they trust God to work.

Session Flow (60–75 minutes)

1. Welcome and Icebreaker (10 min)

Who is one person that God used in a meaningful way in your life, and what made their influence stick with you?

Purpose:

To help participants begin thinking personally about the impact one life can have on another life.

2. Scripture Reading (5 min)

Read Luke 15:4, Luke 15:7, and Revelation 5:8 aloud.

Optional: Also reference 2 Corinthians 4:4, Ezekiel 36:26, Proverbs 3:5-6, Ephesians 6:19, and Acts 26:18 during discussion.

3. Discussion (40–50 min)

Use 6–8 of the following questions depending on time and group size.
Encourage personal reflection, persistence in prayer, and practical next steps more than theological debate.

Leader Coaching Sidebar: Praying with Persistence

- Remind the group that prayer is a partnership with the Spirit of God.
- Keep the focus on one specific person, not people in general.
- Encourage honesty about discouragement when prayer feels delayed.
- Highlight that persistence matters — Jesus went after the sheep until He found it.
- Help participants see that prayer often leads to action, not passivity.
- Emphasize surrender — trusting God more than our own timeline.

Discussion Questions

1. Why do you think the word one is so powerful in Luke 15 and in this sermon?

Leader Note: Draw out how the mission becomes personal when it moves from crowds to one specific person.

2. How does identifying your one change the way you think about evangelism and prayer?

Leader Note: Help the group see that praying for one person makes obedience feel both clearer and more doable.

3. Why is prayer the right first step when it comes to reaching your one?

Leader Note: Emphasize that we do not pressure people into transformation; we partner with the Spirit of God.

4. The sermon says the enemy blinds minds, but God opens eyes. How does that shape the way we pray for our one?

Leader Note: Encourage participants to pray confidently for spiritual awakening, clarity, and softened hearts.

5. Which of the sermon's suggested prayer themes feels most important for your one right now: bold opportunities, others crossing their path, or God's light piercing the darkness?

Leader Note: Move the group toward specific prayer rather than vague good intentions.

6. Why is the word until in Luke 15:4 so important when we think about prayer?

Leader Note: Encourage those who feel weary. Persistence is not pointless; it reflects trust in God's timing.

7. How does Revelation 5:8 encourage you when you feel like your prayers are not accomplishing anything?

Leader Note: Remind the group that their prayers are not lost. They are seen, remembered, and present before God.

8. As you pray for your one, what action step might God be prompting you to take next?

Leader Note: Help participants connect prayer to obedience — a call, an invitation, forgiveness, service, or an honest conversation.

4. Application and Prayer (10–15 min)

Invite each person to identify their one and one significant prayer need in their own life. Ask: "What would it look like for you to pray consistently for your one this week and stay open to whatever step of obedience God prompts next?"

Closing Prayer Suggestion

Lord, thank You that You care deeply about the one. Teach us to pray with faith, persistence, and surrender. Open blind eyes, soften hard hearts, and align us with Your mission. Help us trust that our prayers rise before You and that You are at work even when we cannot yet see it. Amen.