

# You can't **QUARANTINE** the **GOSPEL**

Small Group Curriculum

## WEEK 1 - WE PRAY

### OPENING DISCUSSION:

1. How is everyone doing with online schooling, being mostly at home, another week of the coronavirus, etc.?
2. Let's hear from 3 volunteers: What's the most interesting thing you've done in the last 48 hours?
3. By a show of hands, how many of you watched Greg's video, *"You Can't Quarantine the Gospel: We Pray!"*?  
*Say something like:* Thanks to everyone who watched the video. Even if you didn't, we're glad you're joining us online for youth group this evening. You'll still be able to participate in our discussion, but I really encourage everyone, with all of the extra time we have on our hands, to watch each week's video in preparation for our time together.
4. One more quick reminder before we jump in: Download the *Life in 6 Words* app! You can find it wherever apps are available or you can go to <https://li6w.com/> and download it from the website.  
If the platform you are using for Youth Group Online has a chat feature you can type the <https://li6w.com/> web address into it so your group can easily access it.

### TRANSITION INTO THE LESSON:

Ask a volunteer to read 2 Timothy 2:9:

*"And because I preach this Good News, I am suffering and have been chained like a criminal. But the word of God cannot be chained."*

Remind your students that despite our current circumstances, "You Can't Quarantine the Gospel!" This week we are taking a look at Prayer."

## LESSON :

Ask a volunteer to read Mark 1:35-36:

*“Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. Simon and his companions went to look for him, and when they found him, they exclaimed: “Everyone is looking for you!”*

Greg shared with us that there are four types of prayer. Does anyone remember what those four types are? You can use the official name, or the phrase Greg likes to call it!

1. **Praise & Worship** – Dance Party
2. **Supplication** – Shopping Spree
3. **Confession** – Traffic Court
4. **Intercession** – Manual Labor

We are going to spend our next 15-20 minutes praying. And we are going to go through each of the four types of prayer.

(Here are a few ideas for how to do the four types of prayer online. Pick which one works best for your group, or come up with your own idea.)

### **Praise & Worship – Dance Party**

- Ask someone ahead of time to lead a familiar worship song for your group.
- Tell the students you are going to simply say a few different words and they can praise God and thank Him silently as you read them: creation, salvation, family, friends, church community, technology, etc.
- Read 3-4 different Psalms declaring God’s praises, giving students time to pray silently as they reflect on God’s greatness: Psalms 8:1, 9:9, 23:4, 62:1-2, 91:1-2, 121:-2, 150:1-2.

### **Supplication – Shopping Spree**

- Have students share what they want/need in the chat feature of your online youth group and ask for a volunteer to pray for those things.
- Have your students text you what their wants/needs are and then pray over those requests out loud.

## Confession – Traffic Court

- Ask your students to silently confess their sins to the Lord, giving them 2 minutes of silence to do so.
- Slowly read 1 John 1:5 – 2:17 and have your students meditate on the words as you read them. Remind them to confess their sins silently as you read the passage out loud for them.

## Intercession – Manual Labor

- Have students pray for their unsaved friends and family members, by name. You can assign an order for them to pray in or do it popcorn style and let it get a little crazy.
- Tell students to find something to write on and list the name(s) of their unsaved friend(s) on it. Give them 1-2 minutes to write their names and then have them show them on their video feed. Take a picture or screen shot of everyone holding up the names and send it to the group as a reminder to pray throughout the week.

## PRAYER DARE:

Have your students download the *Life in 6 Words* app and put three people into their Cause Circle who don't yet know Jesus (and whom they know are worried about the Coronavirus) and start praying for them every day.

If they don't have a smartphone, then they can go to [www.dare2share.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/Cause-Circle-Prayer-Care-Share.pdf](http://www.dare2share.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/Cause-Circle-Prayer-Care-Share.pdf) and view a Cause Circle for themselves. If the student has a printer at home, they could download it, print it and write the names on it. If they don't, then they could just draw a simplified version and write the names on it.

Give the gospel and prompt students who make a first time decision to message you or call you afterwards:

**G**OD created us to be with Him.

**O**UR sins separate us from God.

**S**INS cannot be removed by good deeds.

**P**AYING the price for sin Jesus died and rose again.

**E**VERYONE who trusts in Him alone has eternal life.

**L**IFE with Jesus starts now and lasts forever.



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