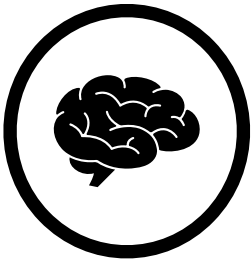


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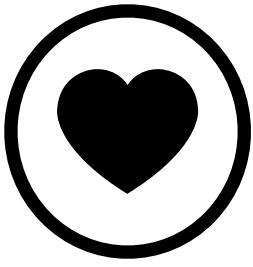
30th July 2023 | God and prayer | 2 Chronicles 6:12-42



Exploring the text

Questions for reflection:

1. What is the context of 2 Chronicles 6?
2. Contrast Exodus 40 with 2 Chronicles 5-6. What are the similarities and differences?
3. Why do you think the glory of God filled the temple?
4. What are the seven circumstances that Solomon prays about in vs.22-39? What does this tell us about intercession?
5. For each of Solomon's requests in vs.22-39 there is description of human response. List some of these - what posture does it require on our part?
6. Look at vs.40-42 - what is Solomon asking for specifically in these verses?



Connecting our hearts

Questions for reflection:

1. Solomon begins his prayer with praise (vs.14-21). What are some of the things that he praises God for?
2. Stu suggested that beginning our prayers with praise is a good place to start because it reminds us of who we are praying to. Would you agree / disagree? Why do you think this is important?
3. In what ways does Solomon describe God's greatness, goodness and faithfulness?
4. Stu described intercession as: the joyous priestly privilege of every Christ follower where we stand in the gap and bring people to God. What would you add / take away from this definition?
5. What is unique about the intercession in vs.32-33? In what way is this a thoroughly missional prayer?
6. What are the assumptions made, content asked for and motivation described in this prayer? How can this inform our intercession?
7. Stu suggested that the goal of all intercession is that God is known - would you agree / disagree?



Living it out

Questions for reflection:

1. What tools could you use to help you grow as an intercessor?
2. Plan to set aside 10 minutes a day to pray for others?
3. Make a list of people from your frontline to pray for specifically this week.

Use the below space to write you own prayer of response