

**Bold Helplessness**

*Because of God's Power and Love, we can be boldly helpless in our prayer.*

**Reminders**

**Next Steps Class** - For those interested in learning more about Exodus and pursuing membership, Next Steps Class coming up on Sunday, November 22, 2015 from 5-7pm in the Overflow Space. You can register online and find out more at [theexoduschurch.org/connect/membership](http://theexoduschurch.org/connect/membership).

**Emphasize Serving at Exodus** – There are many avenues for leadership and service in the life of our church. Get involved and learn more about serving at Exodus by going to [theexoduschurch.org/connect/serve-at-exodus/](http://theexoduschurch.org/connect/serve-at-exodus/)

**Emphasize The City** – The City is how we send out communications as a church. You can access it by going to [exodus.onthecity.org](http://exodus.onthecity.org).

**Remember**

Have someone share how the guide is helping them in their walk with Jesus.

Talk about someone you met on Sunday

**Read Acts 4:23-31**

What stands out to you in the passage? What stood out to you from the sermon on Sunday?

**Deepen**

Their prayer begins with a vision of God that is compelling. Discuss each attribute of God and how that informs the way we pray.

- Sovereign Lord
- Creator
- Revealer
- Victor
- Orchestrator

How do the following passages further amplify their vision of God?

- Colossians 1:15-20
- Psalm 115:1-3
- Hebrews 1:1-4

How might reflecting on and reciting the character of God at the beginning of your prayer change the way you pray?

Read 1 Peter 5:6-7

How does our prayer life reflect issues with pride?

How does knowing God's care for us affect our prayer?

Read the following. How do they connect to or amplify the prayer in Acts 4?

- Ephesians 6:18-20
- Colossians 4:2-4



Paul asks for prayer for boldness and clarity in speaking God's Word. How might that encourage us?

God answers their prayer, but he doesn't always answer our prayers in the way we hope. Talk about this as a group.

How does Jesus' prayer the night before his death help us here?

### **Transform**

How does what we have talked about tonight need to change the way you pray?

What would it look like in your life to carve out time to pray?

Close your time in prayer - maybe of a different sort than normal.

- Spend time focusing on God's Character.
  - You might choose to encourage your group to pray like this, "God, I praise you because..." and ask them to focus not on something God has done, but on an attribute of his character.
- Spend time Casting Cares on God.
  - What are some anxieties we are carrying?
  - What are some obstacles we are facing?
- Spend time Asking for God to use you for His Purposes
  - To speak with Boldness
  - To walk with confidence









