

## Looking for a Breakthrough week 1

### Lifegroup Questions

1. Breakthrough is simply defined as moving from stuck to unstuck. Talk about a time in your life when you've been stuck. How did that feel? How long were you stuck? What did you do to get unstuck, and what have you seen happen since you got unstuck?
2. Read Matthew 7:7-11. How have you seen this principle of Ask/Seek/Knock play out in your life?
3. *Breakthrough prayer starts with a right relationship with Jesus.* Pair up and talk about your relationship with Jesus. When and how did it start? What has been good/difficult/challenging/rewarding about that relationship? What questions do you have about a developing a growing relationship with Jesus? If you could change one thing about your relationship with Jesus, what would that be?
4. On a scale of 1-10, how relentless are you in life? Is that consistent over every area of life, or is it a sliding scale? What's your level of relentlessness when it comes to prayer?
5. Describe your ideal prayer life in 2020? What one thing could you change this week to improve your prayer life?
6. Read John 15:7-8, 16 with John Piper's commentary in mind.  
*...Shortened down it says, "I have given you a fruit-bearing mission in order that your prayers might be answered!" This only makes sense if prayer is for fruit-bearing.*  
*You would expect the verse to be just the reverse: God will give you what you ask in order that you might have a fruit-bearing mission. But Jesus says it the other way around: I give you a fruit-bearing mission in order that the Father might answer your prayers. The point: prayer malfunctions when it is not used in fruit-bearing. Prayer is for fruit-bearing. Therefore, since I want you to pray and to get answers to your prayers, I chose you and I appointed you to go and bear fruit. Because prayer is for fruit-bearing. If you are not devoted to fruit-bearing, you have no warrant for expecting answers to prayer. Prayer is designed for fruit-bearing.*  
Read and react to Piper's last two sentences.
7. Calvary will continue to highlight our Front Yard Mission--this unwavering commitment to pray for our friends and neighbors, to love them in real, practical ways, and to invite them into our lives and the Kingdom.
  - a. Do you have a Prayfor8 card that you're using to pray for your 8?
  - b. What are you learning about praying for your 8?
  - c. What's working in terms of loving your neighbors? How are you practicing that?
  - d. What's the next thing that you are inviting your neighbors to?