

# DANGEROUS PRAYERS

## Big Idea

Pastor Curt – Part 1

We launched a new series called **Dangerous Prayers** with a message called Knowing God's Voice that supports our churchwide **21 Days of Prayer**. Some say that God no longer speaks to people. Nothing could be further from the truth! God has not stopped communicating with people!! If we don't believe or understand that then prayer doesn't mean much, right? God does want an individual relationship with each of us and a relationship requires communication. God is calling each of us to a place where we can listen to His voice, to know His voice, to talk with Him. If you allow God then He will speak to you personally!

**Why?** God wants to speak to you: 1) to facilitate a friendship with you, 2) to give you guidance, and 3) to give you a bigger and clearer perspective. God loves you! He wants to speak to you personally not to yell at you or judge you but to love you.

**How?** God speaks to you in limitless ways because He made you, He knows how best you can hear Him. God wants not to yell at you but to whisper His love to you in order to whisper: encouragement, warnings, direction dreams to you. Hearing God is a posture of submission to God that tells God, "I'm open to hear You and I'm willing to respond." That will revolutionize your prayer time and your life!

## Discussion Questions

- God's desire is that we experience Him, not just know Him. Experience always leads to change. How have you observed this truth in your life?
- You can't connect with what you're supposed to do, until you connect with the One who knows what that is. How can you stay connected with God?
- Jesus is our High Priest and He doesn't condemn us because He understands what we face. How does that help you in your approach to Him?
- "If God doesn't speak today, then the greatest disservice we could do for people is to tell them they can have a personal relationship with God." Dallas Willard How do these words impact your concept of God speaking to you?

## Prayer Focus

Father, thank You for entrusting us with Your people. Help us to see all people like You do so we can serve them and love them unconditionally. Today we pray for divine encounters, compassionate hearts, and the awareness to always speak in grace and truth. Open our eyes, God, so we can change our world. In Your name, Amen.

## Next Steps

Determine this week that you will think about what you want your prayer focus to be during 21 days of prayer this month. Be specific and make a list. Attend the Saturday prayer services during our 21 days of prayer at your campus, and focus on having an encounter with God each day.

## Leader Tip

As we start out our 21 Days of Prayer, be intentional about praying for your Group as it launches in a few weeks. Pray for the people who you do not know but will become part of your group. Pray blessing, protection and direction for their lives and pray that God would give you wisdom as you lead them to take Next Steps!