

# SOW: Season of Witness - Session 1: Prayer

## GROUP QUESTIONS

*Acts 26:12-18, esp v.17b-18*

1. As your lost friends, colleagues, neighbors, and family enter into the start of the post-pandemic thaw, what do you expect to be some of the major issues (good and bad) that will bubble up in their lives?
2. Can you think of a time when you were praying for or about the lost and you saw that prayer answered?
3. Why is it so important to start our prayers for the lost with an understanding that we were once lost and have now been saved by Jesus?
4. What are some of your favorite things to pray for those who seem to be far from Jesus?
5. Do you think it's true that our battle is above all *"not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms."* (Ephesians 6:12)?  
If so, with regards to mission, how does this impact what and how we pray?
6. What most challenged you about Pete Scazzero's quote: *"I suspect that if Martha were to sit at the feet of Jesus, she would still be distracted by everything on her mind. Her inner person is touchy, irritable, and anxious... I suspect that if Mary were to help with the many household chores, she would not be worried or upset. Why? Her inner person has slowed down enough to focus on Jesus and to center her life on him."*
7. Paul repeatedly asked for prayer that he would be bold in sharing his faith. Do you often pray for boldness for yourself and for other believers? Why is this important?
8. The first goal for this session is that you start regular prayer walking.  
Have you ever prayer walked? How did you find the experience both physically and spiritually?  
Where can you take a prayer walk in the next few days?
9. The other goal of this session is that you will begin praying daily for 3 of your lost friends to come to faith in Jesus. You want to be asking other believers, "Who are your 3?"
  - Huddle up with a couple of others. Each answer, "Who are your 3?" (= your 3 lost friends you want to pray for daily) and share why you've picked them.
  - Take some time to pray for one another's witness and for each person's 3 friends.