

# Discussion Questions

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**Series: SURROUNDED**

**Message: “Surrounded by Intercessors”**

**Scriptures: Acts 12:5ff; 2 Corinthians 4:17-18; Ephesians 6:18**

1. Ice Breaker: Think about a moment in the last three weeks when you received good news. Share with the group what the news was and how it made you feel.
2. Intercessory prayer is simply praying for others. Read Acts 12:5 and describe how the church prayed for Peter. Discuss the manner in which they prayed.
3. God expects Christians to intercede for others. How would you teach a new believer to do this? (It may be helpful to read Ephesians 6:18.)
4. God’s understanding is beyond our understanding (Isaiah 55:8-9; 1 Corinthians 1:25). How does this affect your understanding of how God answers prayer?
5. God honors earnest prayers. (“Earnest” means with sincere and intense conviction.) Acts 12:5 says the church was earnestly praying to God for Peter. What does that look and sound like in your prayer life?
6. God deserves the glory for answered prayer. Read Acts 12:17. Who does Peter give the glory to, and who does he not give the glory to?
7. Take time as a group to intercede for others. It is one of our shared purposes to pray for one another. It’s a powerful way to show Real Love to people.

**Bottom Line: Surround others with your earnest prayers. It’s one way we can show Real Love to people.**

**What is your next step?**

- Begin interceding for people in your inner circle.
- Spend more time in prayer being the “Go-Between” for people.
- Persist in prayer; don’t just pray about it once. (Luke 18:1-8)
- Keep a journal of prayers you pray for others.
- Put Real Love into action by praying for strangers, friends, family, neighbors, co-workers, enemies, etc.

**- If you have never experienced the salvation** that only comes through Jesus, please reach out to us as [pastors@connectchristianchurch.org](mailto:pastors@connectchristianchurch.org). We would love to talk with you and pray with you and lead you into God’s Presence.