



PRAYERADIGM *SHIFT* LEADER'S GUIDE



Welcome to the Team

Have you seen it? Something amazing is happening in your church and community. God is working in people's lives and stirring hearts to know and trust Him. He is moving behind the scenes, preparing the way, drawing hearts to Himself, and putting the pieces in place *right now*. He's searching for people who are searching for something more, just waiting to fill all who are willing to wait on Him. God is working to change your church and community, and He's looking for people who are willing to be used to accomplish this work. People like you.

By choosing to lead a group through *Prayeradigm Shift*, you're not just involved in another prayer class at church or in your home. You're coming alongside us and joining us as we dig deeper into God's design for prayer and allow Him to align our prayers with His plans.

Prayeradigm Shift is about:

- A shift in our understanding of prayer, to align our thoughts with God's thoughts.
- A shift in our desires in prayer, letting God bring our hearts into harmony with His heart.
- A shift in how we pray, learning to seek God's plans and surrender to His leading.

As we journey through *Prayeradigm Shift* together, **your responsibility isn't to teach; your responsibility is to lead.** If you are excited to learn, your group will be excited. If you share honestly from your heart, they will do the same. If you commit your group to God and ask Him to speak to hearts and accomplish His plans in lives, He's going to do it.

Anyone can pray powerful, effective prayers if they will learn and apply God's principles in prayer. As He leads your group through these principles, everyone in the room will come away changed forever.

Thank you for being willing to lead, and welcome to the *Prayeradigm Shift* team!

Leading a Group

Prayeradigm Shift is designed to be completed with a small group. You can experience the weekend together as a congregation or small group in your church or home. But to get the fullest benefit and blessing from the weekend, we encourage you to participate in a group in some way.

Small Groups

Small groups change lives as people learn, share, and pray together. Accountability is key to success. When people sit face to face and talk through their hopes, fears, questions, and insights about prayer, amazing things will happen!

While lesson videos can be viewed as a congregation, we recommend breaking larger church groups into smaller groups of 4-6 people for discussion and prayer. And if you are participating by yourself, we encourage you to find at least one other person to journey with you.

Co-Leaders

You will need a leader or co-leader for each small group to guide through discussion questions and prayer focuses found in each lesson. Each leader should have a copy of this Leader's Guide.

Lesson Format

Lessons are a combination of virtual and in-person elements. There are 14 lessons designed to be completed in 7 meetings. Each lesson has a 20-40 minute message from Pavel Goia that is available online, and group discussion questions and prayer focuses are provided.

We encourage you to build times for food and fellowship into your meetings as well. Think creatively about how to best meet the needs of your church or small group!

Note: Lesson 13 invites you each to spend 1 hour with God alone, so plan ahead for how to build that into your group's schedule. And Lesson 14 lesson is more like a workshop where the group will take time to pray for God's plans, begin building a vision for their church and community, and plan the next steps to take.

Scheduling

The goal of the first weekend is to schedule multiple lessons throughout the weekend to really lay the foundation of *Prayeradigm Shift* and create the experience of a prayer weekend.

You will likely not get through all 14 lessons during one weekend, so plan follow-up times to meet as a group to complete the lessons. Encourage everyone to attend all the lessons as each one offers insights that will inspire, challenge, and encourage us in our prayer journeys.

Lesson Titles

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| 1: Our Purpose in Prayer | 8: Strategy in Prayer |
| 2: Praying for Others | 9: Seeking God's Vision |
| 3: Reaching Your Neighbors | 10: Effective Bible Study |
| 4: Fully Committed | 11: Reaching Your Community |
| 5: Small Groups Praying | 12: A Praying Church |
| 6: Filled With Oil | 13: An Hour with God |
| 7: Where Your Focus Is | 14: Pray for God's Plans |

Sample Schedule

Friday

- 5:30pm – Supper & Fellowship
- 7pm – Lesson 1 & Lesson 2 with Pavel Goia (access online)

Sabbath

- 9:30am – Sabbath school & Church as usual
- 1pm – Lunch & Fellowship
- 3pm – Group Recreation
- 4pm – Lesson 3 & Lesson 4 with Pavel Goia (access online)
- 6pm – Supper & Fellowship
- 7pm – Lesson 5 with Pavel Goia (access online)

Additional Meetings to Schedule

- Lesson 6 & 7
- Lesson 8, 9, & 10
- Lesson 11 & 12
- Lesson 13 & 14

Hour With God Guidelines

In Lesson 13, group members will be invited to individually spend an hour alone with God asking for His plans and listening for His voice. After 1 hour, the group will meet together to reflect, talk, and pray about what God put on their hearts during their time with Him.

Logistically, Lesson 13 will require a little extra planning. Here are some considerations to keep in mind as you plan for your group:

- You will need space for everyone in your group to spread out
- It could be an option to have the group meet at an alternative location for this lesson
- An outdoor area is ideal as a natural and peaceful setting
- If an outdoor area is not available, find an indoor space that allows people to spread out as much as possible
- After the Hour With God, have a designated area where the group can meet comfortably together to talk and pray
- As the group comes back together, plan for 10 minutes of individual reflection time. Provide paper for each group member to write out his or her answers to the following questions:
 - What happened during your Hour with God? What did God say to you? What did He show you about His prayeradigm?*
 - What did He put on your heart? What did God show you about the plans that He has for your life and church?*
- Plan for open-ended group discussion time when members can share with each other what God has put on their hearts after spending an Hour with Him.
- Lesson 13 is designed to flow directly into the next lesson after a short break. In Lesson 14, the group will take time to pray for God's plans, begin building a vision for their church and community, and plan the next steps to take. This is one of the most exciting lessons as group members get to really share and pray about what God is doing for your church and community!

Final Thoughts

Thank You

We want to thank you in advance for choosing to lead a group through *Prayeradigm Shift*. You are an answer to prayer. You are helping to change lives. You are making a difference for the kingdom of God. And we are so grateful to have you on our team. We look forward to working with you again soon!

Tell us about your group

We would love to hear from you about your group's experience with *Prayeradigm Shift*. Email us at prayeradigmshift@gmail.com to tell us about your group and experience and to share the plans that God has put on your heart for reaching your church and community.

Share Your Feedback

Do you have any feedback for the *Prayeradigm Shift* Team? Is there something we could do to help support you going forward? We would love to hear from you. Email us at prayeradigmshift@gmail.com or fill out our Feedback Form on the website, prayeradigmshift.org.



Lesson 1

Our Purpose in Prayer

Video Time: 35 minutes

Before you meet:

- Pray for each person in your small group and ask God to prepare hearts and accomplish His plans for the meeting.
- Note: Lesson 1 and Lesson 2 are designed to be completed together as part of a 2-hour meeting time.

Introducing the group:

- Introduce yourself as the leader: Explain that your role is to help guide the group through the 14 *Prayeradigm Shift* lessons and facilitate discussion and prayer times. Share your excitement for being a part of this group, journeying together, and discovering more about prayer and God's plans for our lives.
- Encourage everyone to attend all 14 lessons. Each lesson offers new insights that will inspire, challenge, and encourage us in our prayer journeys.
- Small groups are most effective when people know each other and are open to sharing. Have the members of your group introduce themselves by answering this question: What is your name, and what do you hope to get out of *Prayeradigm Shift*?



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Discussion questions:

1. What spoke to your heart from this lesson?
2. Tangibly loving your neighbor as yourself—what might that look like in your life right now?
3. What do your prayers look like now? How would it change your prayers to put God first, before your own needs or desires?



Lesson 2

Praying for Others

Video Time: 35 minutes

Getting Started:

- Welcome the group back together and introduce the lesson.
- Note: Lesson 1 and Lesson 2 are designed to be completed together as part of a 2-hour meeting.



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Discussion question:

1. What spoke to your heart from this lesson?

Prayer focus:

1. Spend some time praying together that our lives will be changed to the degree that others will be touched through us.
2. Pray that we are going to stop focusing so much on self, and we are going to start focusing on God and on loving people.

After the meeting:

- Remind the group of the schedule and the next meeting time.
- Tell everyone that the next lesson is "Reaching Your Neighbors."
- Pray for each person in your group between now and the next meeting, that God would speak to each heart and guide the decisions that He would have them make.



Lesson 3

Reaching Your Neighbors

Video Time: 45 minutes

Before you meet:

- Pray for each person in your small group and ask God to prepare hearts and accomplish His plans for the meeting.
- Note: Lesson 3 and Lesson 4 are designed to be completed together as part of a 2-hour meeting time.

Getting Started:

- You may see some new faces at this meeting. If someone is new, introduce them and make them feel welcome.
- Remind everyone that your role as the leader is to help guide the group through the 14 *Prayeradigm Shift* lessons and facilitate discussion and prayer times. Share your excitement for this journey – remember that enthusiasm is contagious!
- Encourage everyone to attend all 14 lessons to gain the fullest experience and blessing.



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Discussion questions:

1. What spoke to your heart from this lesson?
2. Who might God be placing on your heart to focus your prayers on and intentionally reach out to in building relationship? Neighbors, coworkers, classmates, enemies, others in your life...

Prayer focus:

1. Ask God to make you willing to pray the prayer, "Lord, I am willing to give my life, but save my neighbor. I am willing to sacrifice anything, including my life, if You will save one person."



Lesson 4

Fully Committed

Video Time: 25 minutes

Getting Started:

- Welcome the group back together and introduce the lesson.
- Note: Lesson 3 and Lesson 4 are designed to be completed together as part of a 2-hour meeting.
- Take a few minutes to have everyone in your group answer this question: Throughout these lessons, you will be challenged to try things you've possibly never done. How willing are you to commit yourself to applying these principles in your own life?



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Discussion question:

1. What spoke to your heart from this lesson?

Prayer focus:

1. Spend some time in prayer asking God to show you His plans, not seeking God's blessing for your plans.
2. Spend some time praying for God to put on your heart how you can pray more for other people.
3. Pray for God to work in you to be fully committed, fully surrendered, and fully trusting in His plans.

After the meeting:

- Remind the group of the schedule and the next meeting time.
- Tell everyone that the next lesson is "Small Groups Praying."
- Pray for each person in your group, that God would speak to hearts and guide the decisions that He would have them make.



Lesson 5

Small Groups Praying

Video Time: 30 minutes

Getting started:

- Welcome the group back together and introduce the lesson.



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Discussion questions:

1. What spoke to your heart from this lesson?
2. When we pray, we shouldn't focus on getting blessings and answers. Instead we should focus on getting God, knowing Him, seeking His plans and His presence in our lives— How is this a “prayeradigm shift” from how we so often pray?
3. There is power when a small group commits to praying together consistently and asking for God's plans — Why do you think God works through small praying groups to show His power?

Prayer focus:

1. Every revival in history was ushered in by prayer. Spend some time praying together for God to show you how He might want to build prayer with a small group (or prayer partner) into your life (or into your church).

After the meeting:

- Remind the group of the schedule and the next meeting time.
- Tell everyone that the next lesson is “Filled With Oil.”
- Pray for each person in your group, that God would speak to hearts and guide the decisions that He would have them make.



Lesson 6

Filled With Oil

Video Time: 30 minutes

Before you meet:

- Pray for each person in your small group and ask God to prepare hearts and accomplish His plans for the meeting.
- Note: Lesson 6 and Lesson 7 are designed to be completed together as part of a 2-hour meeting.

Getting started:

- Welcome the group back together and introduce the lesson.



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Discussion questions:

1. What spoke to your heart from this lesson?
2. What are the challenges you struggle with in learning to be continually connected with God?
3. What practical things can you build into your life to continually reconnect with God throughout every day?

Prayer focus:

1. Spend some time praying together for God to fill you with oil and use you as a light for those around you.

After the meeting:

- Tell everyone that the next lesson is “Where Your Focus Is.”



Lesson 7

Where Your Focus Is

Video Time: 30 minutes

Getting started:

- Welcome the group back together and introduce the lesson.
- Note: Lesson 6 and Lesson 7 are designed to be completed together as part of a 2-hour meeting.



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Discussion questions:

1. What spoke to your heart from this lesson?
2. What things are holding your focus right now in life?
3. What changes can you make in your life to put your focus on God even more, and seek for Him to fill your vessel with His Spirit?

Prayer focus:

1. Spend some time praying together that God will fill you with His Spirit, and that He will give you a thirst for His Spirit.
2. Pray and give God permission to do whatever it takes to help you make seeking His presence a priority in your life.

After the meeting:

- Remind the group of the next meeting time and tell them that the next lesson is "Strategy in Prayer."
- Pray for each person in your group, that God would speak to hearts and guide the decisions that He would have them make.



Lesson 8

Strategy in Prayer

Video Time: 35 minutes

Before you meet:

- Pray for each person in your small group and ask God to prepare hearts and accomplish His plans for the meeting.
- Note: Lessons 8, 9, & 10 are designed to be completed together as part of a 2-hour meeting.

Getting started:

- Welcome the group back together and introduce the lesson.



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Discussion Questions:

1. What spoke to your heart from this lesson?
2. What might praying like this – having a prayer strategy like this – look like in your church? Home? School? Work place? Family?
3. Is there anything you need to do in order to make room for this kind of prayer in your life? In your church?

Prayer focus:

1. Spend time asking God to speak to you and impress on your heart what it is that He wants you to do with prayer in your life.



Lesson 9

Seeking God's Vision

Video Time: 25 minutes

Getting started:

- Welcome the group back together and introduce the lesson.
- Note: Lessons 8, 9, & 10 are designed to be completed together as part of a 2-hour meeting.



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Discussion questions:

1. What spoke to your heart from this lesson?
2. Spend some time talking as a group about what it could look like for you (as a church or a small group) to seek God for His vision.

Prayer focus:

1. Spend some time praying that God will begin preparing you for His vision for your life and your church.



Lesson 10

Effective Bible Study

Video Time: 20 minutes

Getting started:

- Welcome the group back together and introduce the lesson.
- Note: Lessons 8, 9, & 10 are designed to be completed together as part of a 2-hour meeting.



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Discussion questions:

1. What spoke to your heart from this lesson?
2. What might the principles of Bible Study that were shared look like for your church and community?

Prayer focus:

1. Spend some time asking God if there are people in your life who He would have you reach out to through prayer and building friendship, or possibly having Bible studies.

After the meeting:

- Remind the group of the next meeting time and tell them that the next lesson is "Reaching Your Community."
- Pray for each person in your group, that God would speak to hearts and guide the decisions that He would have them make.



Lesson 11

Reaching Your Community

Video Time: 30 minutes

Before you meet:

- Pray for each person in your small group and ask God to prepare hearts and accomplish His plans for the meeting.
- Preview Lesson 13 and Lesson 14 and decide on any special plans or arrangements for those lessons.
- Review the Hour with God Guidelines at the beginning of the Leader's Guide and plan how your group will spend this Hour.
- Note: Lesson 11 and Lesson 12 are designed to be completed together as part of a 2-hour meeting.

Getting started:

- Welcome the group back together and introduce the lesson.



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Discussion questions:

1. What spoke to your heart from this lesson?
2. What are some tangible ways you or your church could make a difference in your community?
3. What might the principles that were shared of a 9 month plan to reach your community look like in your church?

Prayer focus:

1. Spend some time praying for your church and your community, and asking God what He might have you do in reaching your community.



Lesson 12

A Praying Church

Video Time: 30 minutes

Getting started:

- Welcome the group back together and introduce the lesson.
- Note: Lesson 11 and Lesson 12 are designed to be completed together as part of a 2-hour meeting.



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Discussion questions:

1. What spoke to your heart from this lesson?
2. What might God be calling you to do in serving and working with others?

Prayer focus:

1. Ask God to empower you as a church to reach out to people around you and serve your community.
2. Spend some time praying together and asking God to make your church a praying church... and that it will start with you.

After the meeting:

- Remind the group of the next meeting time and share your plans for the next lesson, "Hour with God."
- Pray for each person in your group, that God would speak to hearts and guide the decisions that He would have them make.



Lesson 13

Hour with God

Video Time: 10 minutes

Before you meet:

- Pray for each person in your small group and ask God to prepare hearts and accomplish His plans for the meeting.
- Note: Lesson 13 and Lesson 14 are designed to be completed together as part of a 2-hour meeting.
- Review the Hour with God Guidelines at the beginning of the Leader's Guide and plan how your group will spend this Hour.

Getting started:

- Welcome the group back together and introduce the lesson.



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Activity:

- Send the group out to individually spend 1 hour with God, asking for His plans and listening for His voice.
- After 1 hour, have the group meet together to talk and pray.

Discussion questions:

1. On a piece of paper, have each group member answer the following questions: What happened during your Hour with God? What did God say to you? What did He show you about His prayeradigm? What did He put on your heart? What did God show you about the plans that He has for your life and church?
2. Invite the group to share what God has put on their hearts after spending an Hour with Him.



Lesson 14

Pray for God's Plans

Video Time: 0 minutes

Getting Started:

- Welcome the group back together and introduce the lesson.
- Note: Lesson 13 and Lesson 14 are designed to be completed together as part of a 2-hour meeting.
- Spend time having each group members share a transformation they've experienced through *Prayeradigm Shift*. What has made a difference in your life? How is your prayeradigm different now compared to when you started?
- Explain that this lesson is more like a workshop where the group will take time to pray for God's plans, begin building a vision for their church and community, and plan the next steps to take.

Prayer focus:

1. Spend some time praying together for God's plans and vision for your group, church, and community.
2. Pray that God would show you how to first build prayer into your lives and into your church.

Discussion question:

1. What vision has God put on your hearts for your church and community?

After the meeting:

- Remind everyone that all of the lessons are available to watch online at prayeradigmshift.org
- Plan your next meeting.
- Pray for each person in your group, that God would speak to hearts and guide the decisions that He would have them make.