

AUTHENTIC PRAYER: INTERCEDING

Psalm 67 — August 23, 2009

Introduction

Intercession means asking God to do something for others. Psalm 67 is an example of intercessory prayer.

What are we asking God to do in v.1?

To bring His grace, blessings, and presence to God's people (v.1).

Why do we need to ask God to do this?

Because God has chosen to do these things in response to prayer (James 4:2; Matt 7:8).

Why does God give us His grace, blessings, and presence to His people?

So that lost people would come to know God through trusting Jesus. (vv.1-2)

What are we asking God to do in vv.3-7?

We are asking God to save lost people.

Why should we ask God to save lost people?

Because God has chosen to bring His saving power upon people in response to our prayers.

What does this mean for us?

Your intercession will bring God's grace, blessings, and presence to your family, home group, other brothers and sisters.

Your intercession will bring God's saving power to neighbors, fellow-workers, city, and unreached peoples of the world.

So give yourself to intercession.



HOME GROUP DISCUSSION OF SUNDAY'S TEACHING

Read Psalm 67.

What was the Holy Spirit saying to you Sunday through this passage?

What questions, ideas, objections, encouragements did you come away with?

Did Sunday's teaching give you any new thoughts about prayer? What were they?

What lies keep you from interceding for God's people?

What lies keep you from interceding for lost people?

Does it make sense that we must pray because God has chosen to bring His grace, blessings, and presence to His people through prayer? Why or why not?

Does it make sense that we must pray because God has chosen to bring His saving power upon lost people through prayer? Why or why not?

What's your take-away from this passage? What are you going to do differently? When? How?

Share prayer requests that come up in the discussion, jot them down below, and pray for each other.

