



# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

May 6, 2010

Dear Life Group Leaders,

I hope you enjoyed the study this week of the two sisters, Martha and Mary. It's always been one of my favorite Bible stories. This week we follow up the emphasis on spending time with Christ with Jesus teaching us about prayer. Luke's version of the Lord's Prayer is a little different than Matthew's. John Piper's message on it should bring out some of the highlights for you as you prepare. The passage also emphasizes the value of persevering in prayer like the man who wakes his neighbor up in the middle of the night in order to borrow some loaves of bread. That's a great parable too. I hope you enjoy your study.

In addition to the questions and study helps, I'm sending you an icebreaker and a couple of helpful articles on how to build a prayer focus in your small group. I hope you'll take time not only to read the articles, but to pray for your group and ask God to show you what area He wants your group to be growing in next. I've always found that the Holy Spirit is very faithful to guide me when I say prayers like that. And as you're praying, don't forget to pray for our other group leaders and for Pastor Glen and me. Pray especially for me the next two Sundays, that I'll hear from the Lord as I prepare the messages and that I'll be able to deliver them in a way that builds up our people and lifts Jesus up at the same time, because He promised that if we lift Him up, He will draw people to Himself, and that's what we want the most. Amen?

Have a great study again this week, and may God bless you for your faithful leadership!

Pastors Gary and Glen