



# HOW TO PRAY IN A CRISIS

DISCUSSION GUIDE

## **Step One:** Decide to Let God Birth Fresh **CONVICTION**

1. As you reflect on the imagined headlines that open this chapter then contemplate the impact described in Acts 6:7, do you have the faith that a work of God like this could happen today? Why or why not?

2. The chapter notes, "Crisis is used by God to bring us to fresh places of humility, repentance, and essential conviction and the things that ultimately matter. Crisis can elevate a believer's focus beyond just their world to feel a sincere and compelling burden for the world." What specific crisis from your own journey comes to mind as you reflect on this proposal? How did God work in your heart in order to help you live differently as a result?

3. On page 28, Daniel Henderson writes: "We all look back and know the special grace and profound lessons of crisis, but we are ultimately wise to look around right now and know that God's school of spiritual excellence is still in session." What lessons is God teaching you individually right now? What lessons is God teaching us collectively right now (especially in light of Harvest Niagara's pastoral vacancies and need for a new facility)?

4. Based on what you read in this chapter, how would you define the following words and why are each of these elements important?

- Dependence
- Desperation
- Conviction
- Renewed Hope

5. As you review this chapter, particularly the role of prayer in the Book of Acts, what specific convictions need to be clarified and deepened in your own life? What positive fruit might you expect as a result of the living out of these convictions?

### **Breakout**

1. If you were to rate the level of dependence on God, desperation for God and conviction from God in your prayer life right now, would it be high, low or somewhere in between?

2. As you read through this chapter, what challenged you the most? In what ways will you apply this to your own prayer life?

3. Spend a significant amount of time calling out to the Lord, asking Him to birth a renewed commitment and fresh conviction for prayer in your small group and our church!