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## Building and Praying

2 Chronicles 6:12-42

*The more time we spend digging deep into God's Word and understanding His will, the more our prayers move from "Give me" or "Do for me" to "Make it so, God." It is literally what "\_\_\_\_\_ " means.*

**Discussion 1.** When you pray, do you lean more towards "petition" (asking God to do things) or more towards just praying for His will to be done? Do you see that mix changing as you mature spiritually?

*As we build with God, we should plan for how our building project will intersect with those whom we tend to "otherize"; we should pray for God to \_\_\_\_\_ their prayers and \_\_\_\_\_ them. Do we do that?*

**Discussion 2.** How much of your prayer time is devoted to helping you interact well with the nonbelievers in your life? Do you ever ask God to hear their prayers and to bless them? How might that change the divided conversations in our current culture?

*Building things (families, businesses, ministries, etc.) with God actually informs our prayer life, which in turn teaches us to see the world through \_\_\_\_\_. If we get it right, it changes everything.*

**Discussion 3.** How do your study of scripture and your time spent in prayer actually help you see spiritual trends in our culture that you might otherwise miss? How do they better prepare you for whatever the future holds?

*In private prayer, my understanding of God is shaped by God's Word alone; in gathered prayer with others, my understanding of God is shaped by \_\_\_\_\_. Both are powerful change agents in our lives.*

**Discussion 4.** Which is easier for you: private prayer or gathered prayer with others? Which do you need to spend more time doing?

**Discussion 5.** How does this lesson cause you to pray? How does it prepare your heart for worship?