

Review:

**Lesson 1: Spiritual Warfare**

**Encouraging the Prayer**  
**2 Thessalonians 3:1-5**

*Prayer changes the one praying. So, being invited to pray can be an amazing form of \_\_\_\_\_ . Who will you encourage today by inviting them to pray?*

**Discussion 1. Why is it that inviting a Christ follower to pray can be an encouragement to him/her? How is it an encouragement to you when you are asked to pray?**

*Our prayers change as we begin to engage and internalize Who God is, i.e., that He is faithful, that He will strengthen us, and that He will deliver us from evil. \_\_\_\_\_ grows out of a right understanding of God.*

**Discussion 2. If effective prayers grow out of a right understanding of God, then what kinds of spiritual disciplines help you gain a right understanding of God? What can you do to deepen your understanding of God?**

*As Christ followers, we do more than just talk about loving Jesus; we demonstrate our love for him by \_\_\_\_\_ what he says...even when it is painful to do so.*

**Discussion 3. Do you believe there is a connection between our prayer life and our obedience to God? How would you describe that connection? Is it possible to be obedient to God without staying in regular communication with Him? Why or why not?**

*Effective prayer for us and for others includes praying that God would \_\_\_\_\_ our hearts to better experience His great love and to desire the things He desires for us.*

**Discussion 4. Can you think of any ways God has, over time, reshaped your heart to better experience his love or to desire the things He desires for you? Are there people or places or things for which God has grown your heart? Are there ways in which you are praying now that God would change your heart?**