

*Overview:*

- Read the Scriptures printed in this study guide.
- What keywords do you first notice? Highlight or circle them.
- What phrases catch your attention? Underline them.
- I know you have heard Prayer is Powerful. Here is why.

*Explore:*

- Discuss your prayer life. What is your opinion of prayer? How important is prayer? If your prayer life were just right, what would it look like?
- Describe Revelation 8:1-5 in your own words.
- What questions does the passage raise? What encouragements do you find in the passage?
- Heaven seems to be a pretty noisy place according to chapter 4 and 5. Discuss the contrast suddenness of the silence that fills the Seventh Seal.
- Why a half of an hour?
- Discuss the incense and the prayers of the Saints.
- Discuss the impact of the incense and prayers.
- If Jesus were to teach us to pray, what might he teach us? Use Luke 11:1-13 as a template.
- Has prayer ever “shaken” your life?
- How does this passage change... How we see God? How we treat others? How we live our lives?
- What changes could you make as a result?
- Who might you discuss this study with this week?

**Hebrews 4:14-16** NLT So then, since we have a great High Priest who has entered heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to what we believe. 15 This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. 16 So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most

**Revelation 6:10-11** NLT They shouted to the Lord and said, "O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long before you judge the people who belong to this world and avenge our blood for what they have done to us?" 11 Then a white robe was given to each of them. And they were told to rest a little longer until the full number of their brothers and sisters--their fellow servants of Jesus who were to be martyred--had joined them.

**Revelation 8:1-5** NLT When the Lamb broke the seventh seal on the scroll, there was silence throughout heaven for about half an hour. 2 I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and they were given seven trumpets. 3 Then another angel with a gold incense burner came and stood at the altar. And a great amount of incense was given to him to mix with the prayers of God's people as an offering on the gold altar before the throne. 4 The smoke of the incense, mixed with the prayers of God's holy people, ascended up to God from the altar where the angel had poured them out. 5 Then the angel filled the incense burner with fire from the altar and threw it down upon the earth; and thunder crashed, lightning flashed, and there was a terrible earthquake.

**Zephaniah 1:7** NLT Stand in silence in the presence of the Sovereign Lord, for the awesome day of the Lord 's judgment is near...

**Romans 8:26-27** NLT And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words. 27 And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with God's own will.

**Psalms 141:2** NLT Accept my prayer as incense offered to you, and my upraised hands as an evening offering.

**Luke 1:10** NLT While the incense was being burned, a great crowd stood outside, praying.

**James 1:21** NLT So get rid of all the filth and evil in your lives, and humbly accept the word God has planted in your hearts, for it has the power to save your souls.

*You can do more than pray, after you have prayed, but you cannot do more than pray until you have prayed.*

John Bunyan

*There is nothing that makes us love a man so much as prayer for him.* William Law

Application and Notes:





The END... *Prayer*

**Afraid to Pray?**

*Hebrews 4:14-16*

**A Glimpse**

*Revelation 6:10-11; 8:1-5*

Silence (8:1)

**Not a Prelude**

*Zephaniah 1:7*

**Filled with Silence**

**An Hour and A Half**

*Romans 8:26-27*

Prayer (8:2-4)

**A Seventh and then an Eighth**

*Revelation 8:2-3*

**Incense**

*Revelation 8:3*

**Smoke**

*Revelation 8:4; Psalm 141:2; Luke 1:10*

Power (8:5)

**Back to Earth**

*Revelation 8:5*

**God's Voice (Thunder Crashed)**

*James 1:21*

**God's Power (Lightening Flashed)**

**The Earth Shaken**

Change

*Prayer will Change your life!  
Prayer will Change your situation!  
Prayer will Change your heart!*