

## Weekend message Small group study

- complementing the sermon given at St. Paul on **5/16/15 – 5/17/15**
- a meeting agenda organized per St. Paul core values
- estimated for a 90-minute meeting

**Equipping** “the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ” –Eph. 4:12

Below is a tool to help delegate the leading/facilitating of meeting components between different small group members.

	Prayer (p.2)	Outreach (p.2)	Word of God (p.2)	Equipping (p. 3)	Worship - Our Redemption Response - (p.1)
Study component leader					

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### Introduction

1 John 5:13-15 –

“<sup>13</sup> I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life. <sup>14</sup> And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. <sup>15</sup> And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

### Worship – *Our Redemption Response*

**5 minutes**

**All: Thank You for the privilege of prayer, Father. Throughout Your Word You challenge us to pray, to ask, to seek, to call upon You, expressing both our needs and our desires. Again and again You have promised to answer us, responding to our requests as a kindhearted Father responds to a little child. As we grow in our faith, teach us to want what You want, Lord, so that our prayers will be more fruitful. And eventually, may our most heartfelt prayer echo the words of Jesus: “Not my will, but yours be done.” Amen.**

adapted from *The NIV Worship Bible*, p.1653.

## Word of God

45 minutes

1. How did you SEE God at work in your life this week?
2. What has God been teaching you in HIS WORD?
3. **Review 1 John 5:13-15.** What do you carry around with you to instill confidence in yourself? What might you start carrying around with you?
4. What is the Biblical concept of “confidence”?
5. What insight do we gain about God’s will from 1 John 5? Why is this a key to understanding God’s will for your life? For our life together?
6. How confident are you that God hears your prayers?
7. How might your life be different if you were more confident? How might our life together be different if we were more confident?

## Outreach

15 minutes

What kind of conversations are you having with pre-Christians? How are those going? What’s working? What’s not? How can the group support you and/or participate in your efforts?

## Prayer

20 minutes

Share a prayer request based on what was discussed during this meeting’s *Word of God* and/or *Outreach* time. What is that next step in your faith life God is calling you to make? What convicted you from God’s Word and/or our discussion of His Word? Please also share a way in which the group may support/encourage you regarding what you’ve shared. Of course other important matters can be prayed about as well. After all have shared, pray for the person on your left (whether aloud or silently). Pray together in popcorn style (as opposed to going in order around a circle.)

**Equipping** *for coordinating next week's meeting...*

**5 minutes**

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