



DISCUSSION GUIDE WEEK 4 (January 25<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>)

## A BOLD DETERMINATION

**WELCOME.** What is one thing you would want to learn this year?

**WORSHIP.** Sing: *TRUST IN GOD* (Elevation Worship)

### WORD.

1. Last Sunday, Pastor Jon preached a sermon titled: A BOLD DETERMINATION centering on how we can follow through with our commitments for the rest of the year. What was your biggest take away from last Sunday's sermon?
2. **Determine to make prayer a priority.** Read Psalm 5:3 and 1 Thessalonians 5:17. What does "pray without ceasing" mean? Why is our connection with God through unceasing prayer vital to our daily life?
3. **Decide on a dedicated place to pray.** Read Mark 1:35. Why is it important to find a dedicated place and time to connect with God? How is this different from "praying without ceasing"?
4. **Develop a plan for prayer.** Pastor Jon mentioned, "If you have plan for your day, you can have a have a plan for prayer." Why should praying be purposeful and intentional?
5. **Dynamize your prayer.** Pastor mentioned that "Sometimes our prayer lacks strength and purpose because it is not energized by the Holy Spirit." We are commanded to pray in the Spirit (Read Ephesians 6:18). How can our prayers be energized by the Holy Spirit according to last Sunday's preaching?
6. **Draw near to the Holy Trinity in prayer.** Read Ephesians 1:16-18. How do we relate with each Person in the godhead through prayer?

### WORK. Apply God's Word:

1. What would you have to rearrange in your schedule to make prayer a daily priority?
2. What place would be most conducive for you to pray effectively without distractions?
3. What hurdle will you overcome to make prayer a powerful daily experience for you?