



A Journey in Prayer - Study Guide for the Teaching Series

Week 8 – Sunday 7th June 2020: Standing in the Gap

Please read Ezekiel 22.6-8; 11-12; 29-30

1. What do you think of the idea that our 'standing in the gap' prayers are significant for the release of God's blessing on earth, and the with-holding of God's judgement?
2. The Priests, the prophets and the people were silent, and God could find no-one to stand in the gap. Why do you think this was the case?
3. Here are some of issues raised by God in Ezekiel 22, including: abuse of governing power; oppression of foreigners; ill-treatment of the 'weak' in society; the dishonouring of God; Immoral relationships; abusive relationships; financial exploitation; people forgetting God; oppression of the poor and needy; denial of justice.
Which of these issues do you speak most to God about? And which least?
Why do you think that is the case?
4. What do you think of the idea that our intercessory prayers for others in society requires us to 'hold the Bible in one hand and the newspaper in the other'?
5. In tune with the 'Lord's Prayer', Jesus directs us to pray for the coming or breaking-in of God's Kingdom, and the doing of the 'will of God' on earth as it is in Heaven.
How is that different from unbelievers' desire to see society improve?
And is there an overlap?
6. Please stand in the gap in prayer with God on the dreadful issue of racism.