

Crazy Love – Video #1
Sunday August 6, 2023

1. Short opening prayer (one person or popcorn style prayer)
2. Group sharing time (time for everyone to talk about what is going on and how they are)
3. Follow-up on from last week on things people were going to fill their bucket up with and how they were going to make themselves more available to others to show love.
4. Questions before the video to get you thinking.
 - a. What is prayer like for you?
 - b. How do you pray?
 - c. Do you pray to God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, or something else?
 - d. How has prayer changed (if it has) over your life?
 - e. When you pray can/does that change the course of how events will turn out?
 - f. When you pray can/does that change how God feels or acts? What scripture, reason, or experience informs this opinion?
5. Watch session #1 of Crazy Love by Francis Chan.
 - a. What does Francis say about prayer?
 - i. His family always said the same prayer before eating.
 - ii. Prayer should be fresh, new, and invigorating.
 - b. Do your prayers get repetitive? Honestly, can prayer be boring sometimes?
 - c. What changed about prayer for Francis?
 - i. He never realized that he was actually talking to God just like he was talking to another person. It came to life.
 - d. Look at Revelation 4 the way Francis did. Someone can even read parts of it if they want. Imagine approaching that God.
 - e. How do you feel when you approach God in prayer?
6. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NRSVUE)
 - a. 16 Rejoice always, 17 pray without ceasing, 18 give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (MSG)
 - b. 16-18 Be cheerful no matter what; pray all the time; thank God no matter what happens. This is the way God wants you who belong to Christ Jesus to live.
 - i. What do you think Paul means to pray without ceasing and to pray all the time?
7. Answer Francis' question: What words would come out of your mouth if you were standing right in front of the physical presence of God? Go around and discuss honestly. Go home and say that prayer ASAP.
8. Closing prayer with great intention.