

# Praying over ourselves & our families...

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**Big idea:** Growing in closer communion with God by praying *through* our circumstances and *for* our Christ-likeness.

## Introduction

## Prayer as Communication & Prayer as Communion

### John 17

Jesus longs that all those who follow him might become people who glorify God more and more through holy, obedient and joyful lives (even in the midst of suffering), and by revealing the good news of Jesus in the world in which they live.

### Getting Practical

"Lord, I love to see my wife full of joy. She's not got much joy at the moment given the situation with that family member. Please give me wisdom and sensitivity to support and encourage her. May my actions reflect your love for her, and may she grow to understand just how much you love her through this situation."

In the midst of *any* circumstance, seeking to pray *through* that circumstance and *for* our Christ-likeness keeps us from becoming swamped by our circumstances and draws us into closer communion with God and an increasing maturity of faith.