Session 6

1. Would you say you value prayer? Do you see prayer as an essential part of your life? Why or why not? What would others who know you say?

2. Why do we often treat prayer like a "Hail Mary" (or last resort)? Is this a biblical view of prayer (1 Thessalonians 5:17; Hebrews 4:14-16)? Is this your view of prayer?

3. How did Jesus view prayer (Matthew 6:5-13)? Was prayer a last resort for Him in the Garden of Gethsemane, or was it more than a last resort (Matthew 26:36-42)?

4. When you think about the overwhelming need that exists around the world, are you discouraged? Or do you have hope? What does Hebrews 11:1 tell us?

5. Why should we live as people of hope? Why are we often guilty of overemphasizing the world's problems in relationship to God (Mark 9:23-24)?

6. What is the difference between hoping in God and expecting God to answer all of our prayers? When has God not answered a prayer of yours (or answered a prayer in an unexpected way) for the better (Romans 8:28-29)?

7. Are you aware of any organizations that are successfully carrying out God's work around the country and the world? What are some ways that God may be calling you to become involved? Will you courageously pray and ask God how He might use you to "GO" and meet the need?