



# SPX Small Groups

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## DANGEROUS PRAYERS

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**Believe your big risks will be rewarded. Believe what you ask for is possible. If you're ready to see a spark in your life, pray boldly. Pray daringly. Pray with fire. And remember God's listening to your *Dangerous Prayers*. This three-week series teaches us to pray bold prayers.**

**Week 1 - January 13**  
***Search Me***

**Week 2 - January 20**  
***Break Me***

**Week 3 - January 27**  
***Send Me***

## Week 1: January 13

## Search Me

### **START WELL** *Begin with prayer and reviewing the key scripture and points*

Holy Spirit, please show us the junk in our lives that offends You. Cause it to offend us like it does you. Let it smell like old trash to us. And Father, help us to trade this garbage for the full life You promised. Amen.

"Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."

[ Psalm 139:23-24 ]

What we fear the most reveals where we trust God the least.

### **START TALKING** *Find a conversation starter for your group*

Did you ever play Truth or Dare as a kid? What's something you couldn't believe you said or did?

What's the most courageous pray you've said and seen answered?

### **START THINKING** *Ask questions to get your group thinking*

Why do you think it's important to ask God to search you?

Why do you think we tend to be afraid of God's searchlight?

Can you think of anything that's hard to hear about yourself? How might you be living to avoid hearing that thing?

## **START SHARING** *Choose questions that create openness*

How does the idea of asking God to search your heart make you feel? Is anything keeping you from praying this prayer? If so, what?

Is there anything that seems to cause you constant or unnecessary anxiety? How will you begin to trust God with this fear?

What makes you feel most defensive? What do you think the Holy Spirit would say about it?

## **START PRAYING** *Be bold, and pray with power*

Heavenly Father, as hard as this is for me, I'm asking You to search me. Search me, God, and know my heart. God, test my motives. Reveal to me my anxious thoughts. Show me anything in me that offends You. God, I want to see in me what You see in me so I can become more like Jesus. God, I ask You to search me.

## **START DIGGING** *Read Scripture about reflection*

Jeremiah 17:10

Romans 8:27

1 Chronicles 28:9

Job 13:23

## **START DOING** *Commit to a step and live it out this week*

We dare you to start the one-week *Dangerous Prayers* Bible Plan.

[go2.lc/dangerous](http://go2.lc/dangerous)

Start each morning this week by asking the Holy Spirit to search you. You can use the 'Start Praying' prayer above or your own words. Make note of what the Spirit says and share it with someone.

## Week 2: January 20

## Break Me

**START WELL** *Begin with prayer and reviewing the key scripture and points*  
Jesus, You've told us to keep doing what You did: be broken and poured out to bring people closer to God. Will You embolden us to really start living this way? Amen.

*"While [ Jesus ] was in Bethany, reclining at the table in the home of Simon the Leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, made of pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the perfume on his head."*  
[ Mark 14:3 ]

We might impress people with our strengths, but we connect with people through our weaknesses.

**START TALKING** *Find a conversation starter for your group*  
Name the most expensive thing you've broken. Okay, how'd you break it?

What's something you hate to see get poured out or wasted?

**START THINKING** *Ask questions to get your group thinking*  
Read Mark 14:3 -9 aloud. Read Mark 14:22 – 25 aloud. What do you notice when you read the story of the woman and the Passover next to each other?

Imagine you were in the room when this woman broke the \$20K jar. How would you respond?

Read Luke 22:19. What do you think Jesus wanted us to do when He said... "do this in remembrance of me?" Challenge yourselves to go beyond continuing to celebrate the Eucharist.

## **START SHARING** *Choose questions that create openness*

Have you ever experienced true brokenness? What's your story?

Are you trying to stay strong in an area of weakness or hold on to something you need to pour out? What's keeping you from giving it to God?

Describe what a broken and poured out life could look like.

How has God used broken areas from your past to help others?

## **START PRAYING** *Be bold, and pray with power*

God, I know You give grace to the humble. So I ask You, God, to do a deep work in my heart and break me. Break me of my pride. Break me of my selfishness. Break me of anything that keeps me from knowing You. As hard as it is to ask, God, do whatever it takes to break me. Amen.

## **START DIGGING** *Read Scripture about brokenness*

Psalms 51:17

2 Corinthians 4:7 - 12

Isaiah 53:4 – 5

Romans 12:1

## **START DOING** *Commit to a step and live it out this week*

Feeling risky? Start the *Dangerous Prayers* Bible Plan. [go2.lc/dangerous](http://go2.lc/dangerous)

You have something to pour out. Empty every last drop for God this week.

Start each morning by asking God to give you opportunities to rely on His Strength alone. You can use the 'Start Praying' prayer above or your own words.

**Week 3: January 27****Send Me**

**START WELL** *Begin with prayer and reviewing the key scripture and points*  
Lord, here we are. Make us aware of our brokenness. Show us Your grace, God. And, send us to the people and places where You need us. Amen.

“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?’ And I said, ‘Here am I. Send me!’” [ Isaiah 6:8 ]

We pray about what we want God to do for us. What if we prayed more about what we could do for God?

**START TALKING** *Find a conversation starter for your group*

Name a place you’d love to be sent to and a place you’d never want to be sent to. Why?

Which has been the most powerful message for you: Search Me, Break Me, or Send Me? Why?

**START THINKING** *Ask questions to get your group thinking*

Do your prayers resolve more around what God can do for you or what you can do for God? Give an example of how you’d like to be praying.

List some typical excuses people give for not going to the places – or doing the work – God calls them to.

## **START SHARING** *Choose questions that create openness*

Which do you most lack: genuine experience with God, awareness of your sinfulness, or understanding of His grace?

Talk about the last time you felt compelled to do something out of your norm. How did you respond? Could it have been God sending you?

Currently, do you most identify with Jonah, Moses or Isaiah? What might be keeping you from full surrender to God?

Just like brokenness, being sent is not a one-time experience. To what or where are you being sent now?

## **START PRAYING** *Be bold, and pray with power*

God, I know You want to use me to show Your love in this world. Give me eyes to see needs of others and a heart that dares to get involved where You are working. God, my life is Yours. Whatever You want, wherever You lead—here I am, Lord, send me. Amen.

## **START DIGGING** *Read Scripture about surrender*

Matthew 28:16 - 20

Hebrews 11:8 - 12

Luke 1:35 - 38

Romans 10:13 - 15

## **START DOING** *Commit to a step and live it out this week*

What will be your first step of obedience to His call this week?

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Start each morning by asking God where he is sending you. You can use the 'Start Praying' prayer above or your own words.

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