



# Prayer Shield Teams:

## Team Evaluation, Discovery Bible Story Set, & Resources

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### Introduction to FPS's Prayer Strategies Discovery Bible Studies Set:

Prayer—or engagement with God—is integral to every aspect of the lives of the team members and the corporate team, as well as to the strategy and approach they use. Within this document, you will find the following: a definition and explanation to the Prayer strategy, a set of questions to help you diagnosis the status of your team's use of this strategy, a Discovery Bible Story Set to help you understand Scripture's view on this strategy, and links for further resources related to this Prayer strategy. We recommend completing the team's diagnostic first then adapt the Discovery Story Set to meet your team's needs. Feel free to use the typical DBS questions, however, in addition we've tried to suggest you ask these much deeper questions to elicit specifics regarding this strategy. The Fellowship of Prayer Strategists have a set of nineteen different prayer strategies. These are not intended to be the complete picture of this strategy but a glimpse at the use for this strategy. You can find more strategies at [www.prayer-strategists.net](http://www.prayer-strategists.net). We hope these tools will prove helpful in considering ways you and your team can increase your capacity for extraordinary prayer for the sake of the King and His Kingdom.

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### Prayer Shield Teams

**Definition:** Identifying and relating to personal/corporate intercessory teams to strengthen effectiveness and fruitfulness.

**Explanation:** Just as Aaron and Hur came alongside Moses as he stood interceding on the mountaintop for the battle between Joshua and the Amalekites in the valley below, prayer shield teams come alongside the worker and their teams. The victory was assured as long as Moses' hands remained lifted high. These three formed such a prayer shield for Joshua and the Israelites. In the New Testament, Peter was imprisoned but the Church was praying. God sent His angel to deliver Peter in response to their intercession. Prayer shield teams surround workers spiritually and amplify their effectiveness and fruitfulness through strategic intercession. They intercept and thwart demonic schemes to hinder work. They join in seeing resources released for kingdom purposes. They battle spiritual forces standing in the way of breakthroughs. They release the Holy Spirit's working in the lives of new believers to hinder Satan's interference as they grow strong in the Lord.

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### Diagnostic Questions for You & Your Team:

1. Do you have a prayer shield teams (or team) that pray(s) in partnership with you and your team?
2. Are you regularly praying for and interacting with them?
3. Are you receiving their input from their prayer times for you, your work and the people of your focus?

4. Are you frequently communicating to them praise reports as God is answering as well as new prayer needs?

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### Discovery Bible Story Set:

#### 1. “Positioned for Battle” - **Exodus 17:8-18**

- A. **Pray** as a group before beginning that God would speak to us and open our hearts to hear Him.
- B. **Read** the entire passage aloud at least 2 times or listen to an audio version twice through. If your group uses storying, present the scripture in this way. Then, have the group practice re-telling the story together.
- C. **Discussion questions:**
  - What do you like about the story? What is difficult or what don't you like?
  - What do you learn about people from this story? What do you learn about God?
  - Who in the story is “engaging with God” and how? Are they followers of Jesus or not?
  - How is God engaging with the people in this story?
  - How are roles shared in this battle? Who is handling what part of the battle? God? Joshua and his army? Moses, Aaron and Hur?
  - Do the people obey what they feel God is instructing them to do here? What happens as a result?
- D. Take a few minutes to **quietly listen** to God. What is He instructing you to do from what you're hearing? Share with each other what you're sensing. Are some of His instructions quite different than you might have imagined? How?
- E. Who is God asking you to **share** this story with? When will you do it? Share with the group.
- F. What key principles about prayer can you draw from this passage?

Sometimes as believers we find ourselves in difficult places and the prayers of other believers can play a critical role in the outcome of these battles. Let's see what a difference it can make when the Church is praying.

#### 2. “But the Church was Earnestly Praying” - **Acts 12:1-19**

- A. **Pray** before beginning that God would speak to us and open our hearts to hear Him.
- B. **Read** the entire passage completely through.
- C. **Discussion questions:**
  - What do you like about the story? What is difficult or what don't you like?
  - What do you learn about people from this story? What do you learn about God?
  - Who in the story is “engaging with God” and how?
  - Was there an earlier emergency where no indication is given of the Church praying?
  - What was God's response to their prayers when they did pray?
  - Were they surprised at God's answer?
- D. Take a few minutes to quietly **listen to God**. What is He instructing you to do from what you're hearing? Share with each other what you're sensing. Are some of His instructions quite different than you might have imagined? How?
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### Further Resources on Prayer Shield Teams:

- Article: “**How We Started a Prayer Group of 400 People in 6 Months**”: <https://prayer-strategists.files.wordpress.com/2015/12/how-we-started-a-prayer-group-of-400-people-in-6-months1.doc>
- Powerpoint: “**Prayer Shield**”: <https://prayerstrategists.files.wordpress.com/2015/12/prayer-shield.ppt>
- **Prayer Shield: How To Intercede for Pastors, Christian Leaders and Others On the Spiritual Frontlines** (Prayer Warrior) – Regal Books -- 1992
- Bibliography on Prayer Mobilization and Prayer Shield Teams : <https://prayerstrategists.files.wordpress.com/2020/03/prayer-shield-bibliography.pdf>

Further resources and connection with other prayer strategists are available through the Fellowship of Prayer Strategists and their website [www.prayerstrategists.net](http://www.prayerstrategists.net).