

# RAISE THE MARK

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## Welcome to Raise the Mark.

Please introduce yourself to those in your group. Remember that tonight's prayer time and sharing will focus on you and your connection with Christ. We invite you to use this opportunity to encourage others by sharing where Christ is working in your life and where you personally are in need of prayer.

### YOU ARE GOD. YOU ARE PERFECT & GOOD.

*Praise the LORD. I will extol the LORD with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly. Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them. Glorious and majestic are His deeds, and His righteousness endures forever. He has caused His wonders to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and compassionate. He provides food for those who fear Him; He remembers His covenant forever. PSALM 111:1-5*

#### THANK GOD BY PRAISING HIM ALOUD FOR:

- His work;
- His attributes;
- His actions of lovingkindness.

### OUR SOURCE OF HOPE

- Share with your group areas in your life where you need God's strength and wisdom.
- Read James 1:2-8 and pray for God's wisdom for the needs that relate to your life and for those who have requested help.

*Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does. JAMES 1:2-8*

### A LIFE WORTHY OF LIVING

*In You, O LORD, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in Your righteousness. Turn Your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue; be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me. Since You are my rock and my fortress, for the sake of Your name lead and guide me. Free me from the trap that is set for me, for You are my refuge. Into Your hands I commit my spirit; redeem me, O LORD, the God of truth. PSALM 31:1-5*

#### ASK GOD TO GUIDE YOU AS YOU:

- Become more sensitive to the needs of those around you.
- Look for the environments where you might be a reflection of His light.
- Care for those whom you have a consistent opportunity to love and encourage (work, family, friends).
- Use your unique gifts, resources and life experiences to bless and love others.

### CONFESSION

*Search me, O 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*

- Pray for God to reveal where you have forgotten Him or lost direction from His purpose.
- Pray for courage and the opportunity to make things right with anyone you have hurt or refused to forgive.