EXLECTIO SMALL GROUP GUIDE

Foundations Of Faith | Laying On Of Hands

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Scripture: Hebrews 6:1-2

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Main Idea: The laying on of hands illustrates prayer as a means of presence, partnership, and power in our faith journey.

Primary Scripture: Hebrews 6:1-2

Opening

Welcome everyone! Today we are exploring the significance of the laying on of hands as a foundation of our faith. This is a profound practice that not only calls us to support one another but also invites God's presence and power into our situations. Let’s open with a couple of questions to set the tone for our discussion.

- Can you think of a time when you felt supported by someone during a tough moment?
- What was your experience the last time someone prayed for you in person?

Read

Read Hebrews 6:1-2 together.

Observe

- What do you think the significance is of Jesus physically touching the children in Mark 10:16?
- How does the physical act of laying on of hands enhance the meaning of prayer in the contexts mentioned in Acts?

Understand

- What can we learn about the concept of partnership from the example of the church sending off Barnabas and Saul in Acts 13?
- How does the example of Saul's healing highlight the power of prayer through the act of laying on of hands?

Apply

- How can you incorporate the practice of praying for others in your daily interactions this week?
- Reflect on a specific person in your life who could benefit from your prayer. How might you approach them to pray together?
- What steps can you take to create a consistent habit of praying with others when they share their struggles or victories?

This Week

This week, when someone shares their struggles or triumphs with you, take a moment to pray with them right then and there.

Prayer

Pray for openness in our hearts to be present with each other, and to depend on God's power as we support one another.

Leader Note

Encourage participants to share their thoughts freely and to reflect on how the practice of prayer can deepen their relationships within the group and the broader community.