



QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

FAMILY, CLASSES AND GROUPS

Visit persecutionsa.org/idop or download the free VOM App to watch the short feature film *Daniel and Aline: Democratic Republic of the Congo*.

What does it mean to be *brokenhearted*?

As you watched the short film, what types of emotional and spiritual brokenheartedness did you notice?

Which of our Christian brothers and sisters who met with Daniel and Aline did you connect with the most? What about their story captured your compassion?

Read Psalm 34:18 aloud: “The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.”

How did God use Daniel and Aline to demonstrate to the persecuted Christians they met with that “the LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit”?

What were the specific core behaviors driving Daniel and Aline’s “ministry of presence”?

Think about a time you have been brokenhearted. Did someone demonstrate similar behaviors to you? If so, how did that impact your situation? If not, do you wish someone would have done so? Why?

What do you think might be the hardest part for front-line workers like Daniel and Aline of being faithful in the work they are doing? Why?

How might the Lord be leading you to pray specifically for front-line workers engaged in this type of ministry?

What people has the Lord brought into your view who seem to be brokenhearted? What did you learn from Daniel and Aline that will help you minister to them?

PRAYER FOCUS

- » Pray that Christians in hostile areas and restricted nations, like those you met from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, will stand firm in their faith when attacked.
- » Pray that God will bring these brothers and sisters to full physical, emotional and spiritual wellness.
- » Pray that front-line workers, like Daniel and Aline, will have great wisdom and discernment as they encourage, listen to and pray with the brokenhearted.