

The Power of a Praying Church

Journey Group Time for September 12, 2010

This week our journey group lesson will focus on prayer by actually praying together as a group for an hour. It may seem like a long time to pray, but it goes by very fast when the group does it together. It is a great experience to and a lot of fun!

Praise (10 min.)

Read a Psalm (ex. 103, 112, 145).

Use the examples of praise in Psalms to express praise to God and then pray the Psalm(s) back to God. Examples of praise to God include acknowledging him as Creator, Savior, Provider, or Healer
If you have extra time: Sing a song that expresses praise to God.

Confession (5 min.)

Be still before God and allow Him to search your heart of wrongdoing (Ps. 139:23) and then confess and repent of them (aloud if possible). [Be specific; not just in actions, but in motives and attitudes.]
1 John 1:9; Psalm 51

Petition (10 min.)

Pray for the concerns that are on YOUR heart Including: your immediate family; extended family; matters at work or school; other issues and struggles that are going on in your life.
Philippians 4:6-7

Thanksgiving (5 min.)

Phil. 4:6 tells us that our prayers are to be offered “with thanksgiving” in which we thank God for His provisions and answers in advance.
Spend this time thanking God for everything He has done (Answered Prayer, Gracious Gifts You Weren’t Expecting, etc.)

Sing (5 min.)

Wrapping our praise and thanksgiving to God in song is a sure way to lift our hearts in faith and intensify our spiritual longings (Sing a song to God: hymn, chorus, etc.)

Intercession (20 min.)

Pray for...

Unbelievers - pray specifically for each person you can think of BY NAME (Col. 4:2-4)

Pray for God to give you an opportunity to share your faith story with them.

Your Church

Pastor and Church Leaders

Ministries within your church (Remember upcoming events at your church

Your Neighborhood

For opportunities to arise to share the gospel with, and invite, unchurched neighbors

For God to work through the students, faculty, and staff at local schools

Governmental Officials (City, County, State, National)

Praise/Sing (5 min.)

Close out your time by singing a song or listening to a worship song.