

FRIENDSHIP GOOD NEWS

July 17, 2020



I n d o o r C h u r c h

Sunday July 19, 2020 — 10:30 AM

From Pastor Mike...



As we begin the new sermon series in Acts which I have entitled “Back To Basics”, I am reminded by Scripture of a very important principle for every believer – the importance of small groups. The Bible says, *“They (the early church) broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people.”* The church met in the Temple Courts, but also met in small groups in homes.

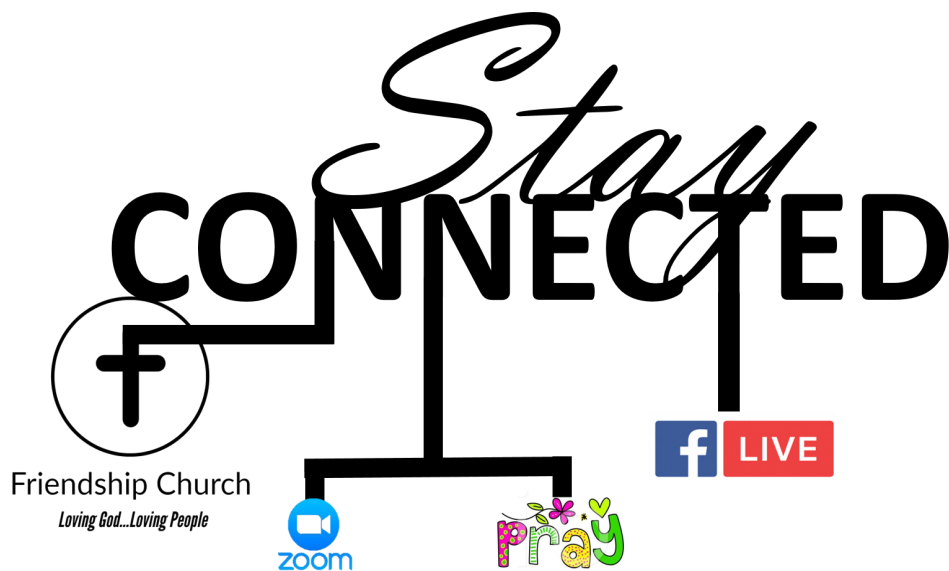
Why do small groups matter? We live in difficult, uncertain days. Everyone needs encouragement and small groups are an effective, proven way to accomplish this. Galatians 6:2 says, *“Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.”* In small groups, we best fulfill the many “one anothers” of Scripture. [CLICK HERE](#) to see our resource “One Another’s” of the New Testament” on our website.

God’s plan for His church to meet like this was very strategic in the early church. Persecution from Rome was increasing and the church meeting in homes both provided protection and helped the spread of the Gospel as the church began to grow and expand in that part of the world. The focus was in spreading the gospel, not a building or programs. Remember, the church is the people – and people matter to God.

So, how can you help? First, if you are not in an adult small group, commit to becoming a part of one. I can help you find a group that works for you. Secondly, pray about starting a group. All you need is a shepherd’s heart for loving and reaching out to people. We live in a hurting, broken world that needs the witness of Jesus like the first century church. Would you pray about how God could use you to help advance His Kingdom here on earth?

The best is yet to come!! love you all,

Pastor Mike



SERVICES LIVE ON FACEBOOK

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Check with your Sunday School teachers for times

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This Sunday's Gospel Project Lesson (small groups)

"Jesus Teaches About Prayer"

How easy it is to forget that Jesus has made a way for us to sit at His feet in intimate fellowship with the Triune God in prayer. Jesus took the time to outline exactly what prayer is and how we ought to pray, giving us a model of prayer that we can adapt for ourselves. Through prayer, we are able to speak to our Father in heaven because of the Holy Spirit's and Jesus the Son's mediating work. We pray to ask Him for what we need and long for, yes, but we also pray to commune with Him. In this session, we'll discuss how Jesus taught us to pray and we'll reflect on the amazing gift of communication that prayer is for the saints.

Sunday's lesson "*Jesus Teaches About Prayer*" - [CLICK HERE](#) to download your Sunday School lesson!

Most classes meeting online using Zoom. Check with your Sunday School teacher for dates and times.

REVELATION CHAPTER 7: A GREAT MULTITUDE

MONDAY,
JULY 20 10:30AM



Friendship Church
Loving God...Loving People

JOIN US

Location: Friendship Church Fellowship Hall

With global events signifying the end of our age, millions have begun seeking a greater understanding of Bible prophecy. The Book of Revelation, which concludes God's plan for humankind, is one of the most misunderstood books of the Bible, but the Decoding the Future series now shatters the debate by presenting newly discovered ancient anthropological findings from the time of Christ that prove the events of Revelation are not only true, but can now be easily understood as a road map through the end of days.

Friendship Birthdays

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Friendship Attendance—July 12—61

Tithes & Offering

Sunday, July 12—\$4,858.89

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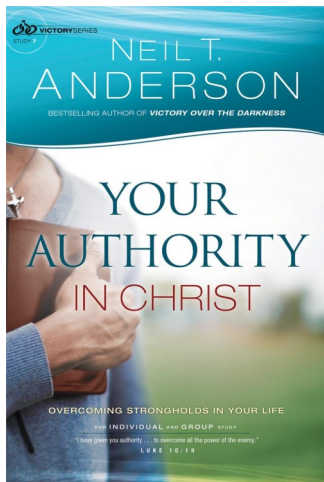


What is “The Art of Parenting?”

An 8 session, video-driven small group-group series designed to help parents and grandparents raise their children on a biblical foundation. Each session lasts 90 minutes and includes an optional (but highly recommended) \$13 workbook. This is ideal for parents, stepparents, single parents, and expectant parents who are raising children of all ages. Anyone willing to invest time and effort in their parenting approach will benefit.

To register for this event, visit <https://forms.gle/HReqKLAUrkBMuy7A8>

Meeting Location: Zoom



MEN'S STUDY

Victory Series Study 7—"Your Authority In Christ"

Session Three: Overcoming the Opposition

Location: Friendship Church

Date: Wednesday, July 15, 2020

Time: 6:30 PM

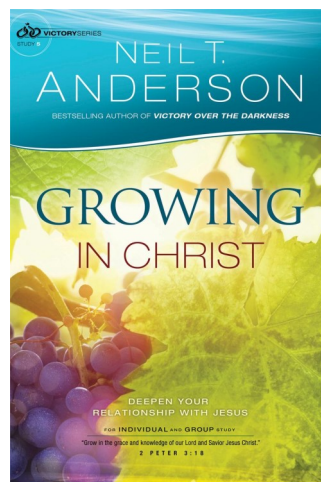
Sharpen your defense against the enemy. Satan, the author of evil and the father of lies, relentlessly attacks the children of

God. But all authority in heaven and on this earth has been given to Jesus, and at the end of time, every knee in heaven and on earth will bow to His name.

In Your Authority in Christ, Dr. Neil Anderson shows you how to exercise your authority in Christ to overcome the enemy. In this portion of the Victory Series, you will discover:

- How Satan works in this world and how he attempts to oppose to God
- How good and evil spirits operate on the earth
- How you can grasp your authority in Christ and overcome the enemy
- How to protect yourself from Satan's attacks by putting on the armor of God

Victory is assured for all those who put their faith in God.



WOMEN'S STUDY

Victory Series Study 5—"Growing In Christ"

Session Three: Growing Through Committed Relationships

Location: Zoom

Date: Thursday, July 9, 2020

Time: 6:30 PM

In a world saturated with deceiving spirits, false prophets, and false teachers, the need for believers to exercise discernment cannot

be overstated.

In Growing in Christ, Dr. Neil Anderson shows you how to deepen your relationship with Jesus by developing spiritual discernment and gifts. In this study, you will learn how to:

- Receive God's wisdom and discernment
- Use your spiritual gifts appropriately
- Grow through marital and familial relationships
- Overcome sexual bondage and chemical addiction
- Understand the truth behind why each of us suffers

This study, with six sessions can be used individually or in a group, and includes a leader's guide, along with illustrations and questions for deeper reflection and practical applications.

The primary work of the Holy Spirit is to communicate God's presence to us. When we choose to believe what God says is true, the Holy Spirit renews our minds, and we begin to understand see more clearly

NOW THE LORD IS THE SPIRIT, AND WHERE THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS, THERE IS FREEDOM

-2 CORINTHIANS 3:17



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Gospel Project for Kids

Unit 23 • Session 3

STORY POINT: Jesus taught people how to pray.

CHRIST CONNECTION: Jesus taught us to pray. Because of Jesus, we can pray to God as a Father and ask for what we need. We can trust that God is good and loving, and we can count on Him to do what is right.

This week as you talk about prayer with your kids, teach them that **Prayer** is talking to God. We can talk to God all the time. We never have to wait for Him to be ready to listen. We can tell Him anything, too: how we feel, what we think, our desires, our frustrations, our questions. Anything you might say to your best friend or parent, you can say to God. Prayer is an amazing gift. Jesus taught about prayer.

This week I posted several videos about prayer on our Friendship Children's Ministry Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2359798887651964> I hope you take time to share these with your kids and grandkids.

FAMILY ACTIVITY: Sometimes going on a prayer walk can be a great way to remind yourself of other groups or places that may need our prayers too. You could even do a prayer walk or prayer drive around your neighborhood or school, asking God to help and save the people who live or attend there.

Here is the link to have a family devotional at home- <https://curriculum.lifeway.com/#/easy-link/QTPB/8ecf9344-0cfc-4f12-f90e-bae618ef1d1f>

How my Parents Modeled that Prayer is of Eternal Value

One of my most precious memories of my childhood is how my parents **modeled** the eternal value of prayer and reading God's word, in good times, and not so good times.

Some early memories include our morning prayers and family devotionals at breakfast. With five kids, my four older brothers and myself, I'm sure there were many times my parents wanted to throw in the towel, or this case the napkin, and give up. Do I remember specific prayers or devotionals that were taught? No, but I did learn that my parents didn't just look at the content of that day's devotionals and prayer time, they **modeled** this as an important aspect of the teaching and training necessary for each of us to reach our destination of being faithful followers of Christ.

Evening meals were times of saying thanks for the blessings of the day, and the provision of food around the table. This is one of my first memories of praying out loud. Do I remember the exact words that were prayed? No, but hearing each of my siblings praying out loud **modeled** for me how I could pray, too.

I loved being carried into my bedroom at night on my daddy's back with the anticipation that he was going to say prayers with me and tuck me in. Do I remember what he prayed, or what I prayed? No, but he **modeled** through this ritual, how our Heavenly Father would always be there to carry me through life.

My dad was an amazing man. He was humble and wise. He had a love for learning and studying God's word. He would often say, "The more I know, the more I realize what all I don't know" Every morning I could find him at his desk with his Bible, notebook, index cards, highlighters, and pens immersed in his Bible study time and prayer. Do I remember what he was studying, or praying? No, but through this lasting memory, he **modeled** what it means to be a disciple, a lifelong learner of scripture and to seek God daily. As I sat on his lap one of these mornings, he talked to me about salvation as he guided me toward my need for a Heavenly Father.

Imagine what kind of transformation would occur in our hearts if we spent time each day drawing near to God through His Word-time spent on something of eternal, life-changing value!

Elizabeth George, The Heart of a Woman Who Prays



How my Parents Modeled that Prayer is of Eternal Value (continued)

My mom was also an amazing lady. She was like the Proverbs 31 mother. She could be found with her Bible open, praying early every morning before the hustle and bustle of the day began. Do I know what she was reading, or praying? No, but she **modeled** her dependency on God for daily wisdom, guidance, and most of all strength. (she needed that to manage a household of 4 boys and myself.) I saw many people drawn to her through the years because they saw her love for the Lord, **modeled** in her daily life.

One of my earliest memories is while we were living in Nigeria. I was about 4 years old. My parents along with other missionary families gathered in our living room for prayer after hearing that a dear missionary friend was tragically killed in a car wreck. I will never forget the faces of those saints, some faces white with shock of the news, others red and tear stained from crying. This tragic event set in motion an understanding that prayer was far more than saying Grace at mealtime, or saying prayers before bedtime. It was the beginning of a many lessons that I learned about the eternal value and power of prayer.

My parents would not take any credit for this, but they gave God the Glory that all five of their children know Jesus as their Lord and Savior, and that we are not only brothers and sister in our earthly family, but we will spend eternity together as a forever family as well. I am so thankful that they spent a lifetime **modeling** to us, the life-changing eternal value of prayer and staying in God's Word daily.

It has been said that our homes are laboratories of life for our children. If God's Word is lived out in our homes, it lays a foundation for our families in which to live by. What we **model** for our children will last a lifetime and have eternal value. As children grow to young adulthood in our families, they will learn Christian faith is not just what we know about God, it is how we **live for God**, in all areas of life.

Let's pray that our own relationship with God, how we **model** it, will lead our children to want to draw near to God, seeking Him to be their Lord and Savior.

Blessings, Mary Ann

