

10: THE LEADER & PRAYER

Why Leaders Pray

- Prayer is the first point of intersection between heaven and earth (Matthew 6:9-13).
- Prayer is the only resource we're given to accomplish the impossible (Matthew 17:20).
- Prayer is one of two places God's voice is primarily revealed (the other is the Word) ().
- Prayer is the pathway into a life of protective, powerful faith (Ephesians 6:16).
- Prayer is the first step of God's image invading our hearts (Philippians 1:9-11).
- Prayer is the mechanism God gave us for a unified body (John 17).

Spheres of Prayer

- Personal Prayer
 - In personal prayer, we guard and grow our heart's sensitivity and sincerity.
 - Personal prayer has power when rooted in a Word-saturated life.
 - The fruit of faith-based personal prayer is trusting, repentant obedience.
- Family Prayer
 - In family prayer, we guard and grow our heart's integrity and authenticity.
 - Personal prayer has power when rooted in a Word-saturated family.
 - The fruit of faith-based family prayer is accepting vulnerability.
- Congregational Prayer
 - In congregation prayer, we guard and grow our heart's capacity for commitment.
 - Congregational prayer has power when rooted in a Word-saturated congregation.
 - The fruit of faith-based congregational prayer is joyful, cruciform unity.
- Culture-Intersecting Prayer
 - In culture-intersecting prayer, we grow our heart's compassion and humility.
 - Culture-intersecting prayer has power when rooted in Word-saturated intersection.
 - The fruit of faith-based culture-intersecting prayer is gospel engagement.

For all four spheres of prayer, the fruit of faith-based prayer is more disciples.

Types of Prayer

- Listening Prayer: Lectio Divina, Devotional Reading, Prayer Examen, The Disciple's Prayer
- Intercessory Prayer: Personal, Family, Corporate.
- Word-Based Prayer: Praying the Word focused on any of the four spheres of prayer.
- Praying in the Spirit: Spirit-inspired, Spirit-infused prayer of the heart.
- Presence Prayer: Worship and praise.

RESPONDING...

Our Next Leadership Meeting

Review the four spheres of prayer: personal, family, congregation, culture.

- Which of the four spheres feels most natural to you? Why?
- Which of the four spheres feels most distant to you? Why?
- What is one way you can build momentum in both?

Review the five types of prayer.

- Which of the five types of prayer feels most natural to you? Why?
- Which of the five types of prayer feels most distant to you? Why?
- What is one way you can build momentum in both?