

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

PRAYER

AWCIPA Prayer Model

August 28, 2011



ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Please be prayerful and diligent in rising up new leaders to provide Pervasive Hope throughout the county. There are plenty of ways to do this without losing that solid group dynamic we all bring so well every week. Your Area Leader would love to connect with you and develop a plan to help make this possible.
2. Don't forget to check your email for the Monthly Report. Last day to fill out the report for August is September 5th. Thank you!

MEMORY VERSES

"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." (Gal. 6:2 ESV)

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9 ESV)

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Getting Started

1. Review the 6 points of "AWCIPA Prayer Model" as listed in the lesson plan:

A – **Admire** and thank God – *Psalm 8:9*

W – **Wait** quietly before God – *Psalm 46:10*

C – **Confess** your sin – *1 John 1:9, Psalm 103:11-12*

I – **Intercede** for others – *Galatians 6:2, 1 Timothy 2:1-2*

P – **Petition** for yourself – *Psalm 51:10-12, John 14:12-14*

A – **Admire** and thank God – *Psalm 8:9*

2. Have you begun this prayer model in your personal prayer life yet? If so, how has it helped in your intimacy with the Lord?

Digging Deeper

This week will be a time of “intercession” for one another and learning about one another. Ephesians 6:18 states we are to be “praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints.” Let’s make sure all of “the saints” in our group are interceded for. The following will walk you through this.

Step #1: Do an icebreaker: Have everyone state their name, how long they have lived in San Diego, and their most embarrassing moment. This will allow everyone to loosen up a bit. As the leader it is always best to set the bar.

Step #2: Have everyone go around and share something they have praying for that deals directly with themselves. Most of us pray for others, which is great, but dealing with our personal lives, what are things we can share with each other. It can be big or small, that doesn’t matter. But let’s pray each other!

While they share their request, have them write these requests on an index card or small piece of paper. Make sure everyone writes their name on the paper or card.

Step #3: Have everyone pray for the prayer request of the person to the right. This will be tough, but let everyone know the hardest part is sharing. Prayer is communication with God, and we should do this with and for each other regularly.

There may be people who refuse to do this exercise and that is ok. I used to teach a class on prayer once every 4 weeks and I made everyone do this exercise. People were scared, nervous, and one lady once told me she wanted to throw up. All of them did it, every time. Prayer is a non-negotiable of the Christian life, and this is a way to expose many people to this discipline. The following highlight some verses about prayer and it’s importance. I suggest looking at one (or all) of the verse and explain why we do what we do when it comes to prayer.

- Acts 6:4-6
- Acts 12:5
- Phil. 4:6-7
- Col. 4:2-4
- 1 Thess. 1:2
- Heb. 5:7-8

Step #4: Take the pieces of paper with the prayer requests written on them and put them in a bowl and mix it up. Have everyone pull out one request and have them pray for this person throughout the week.

We pray this is a fruitful time of prayer and supplication for everyone in your group. We also pray that your group would continue to pray for each other continuously (Phil. 1:3-4).