



## **Leaders Prayer Training**

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### **Perspective is everything.**

“When that knowledge is absent from our minds, everything goes to pieces. Because of the fundamental fact... that your primary contact with God is through your mind, and what you do with your mind is the most important choice you have to make. Wherever your mind goes, the rest of your life goes with it... What we place our minds on brings that reality into our lives. If we place our minds on God, the reality of God comes into our lives. That is why there must

be preachers and teachers, because until our minds are informed by the right view of God, we cannot put our minds on God in the right way. The problem is so severe that when Jesus came he essentially said to people, 'Forget everything you think you know about God, and I'm going to tell you what he is really like' (Matthew 22:19)... It's the problem of wrong ideas. As someone said long ago, 'It ain't what we know that hurts us. It's what we know that ain't so.' All the things that we know about God that 'ain't so' destroy our lives, poison us, throw our lives out of kilter, and throw our bodies out of an appropriate relationship to reality... Wrong ideas about God make it impossible for us to function in relationship to one another. We are not able to love one another because we do not have our minds filled with an accurate vision of God."

- Dallas Willard, *Life Without Lack: Living in the Fullness of Psalm 23*

### **Galatians 4:4-7**

But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

## **Romans 8:14-17**

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

### **When we pray:**

- We pray as children of God.
- We pray as free men and women.
- We pray having received the Holy Spirit.
- We pray from a dynamic, intimate relationship to God as Father.
- We pray as heirs of God and coheirs with Christ.

## **Luke 11:1-2**

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.” He said to them, “When you pray, say:  
‘Father...

“Jesus, the Beloved Son, does not hoard this experience for himself. He invites and calls us to share the same intimate and liberating relationship.”

- Brennan Manning

**When we pray it's important to remember who we are praying to and what He is like.**

## **MINISTRY TEAM**

### **Our Values:**

- 1) Compassion
- 2) Honor
- 3) Love
- 4) Openness
- 5) Simplicity

### **1) Compassion**

#### **Matthew 14:14**

When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

### **2) Honor**

## **Philippians 2:3-5**

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus.

## **3) Love**

“In themselves they prove nothing anyway. His healing acts are expressions of divine mercy to be received in faith. Faith to be healed means being open to God’s love. Faith to pray for the sick means openness to being a vessel of that love. As Thomas Smail says, ‘Power outside the context of love and truth is precisely that to which the enemy tempted Jesus in the wilderness, and to which for example the church in Corinth is tempted again so that it has to be reminded that chrismata exercised outside the context of love and truth are worth nothing at all!’ (1 Corinthians 13).”

- Ken Blue

## **4) Openness**

### **Luke 11:11-13**

Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a

scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!

## **5) Simplicity**

### **Prayer Model**

- 1) Ask
- 2) Explain
- 3) Wait
- 4) Pray
- 5) Debrief

### **Signs of the Spirit May Include:**

- Shining Faces (Exodus 34:29)
- Tears and Crying
- Peace (Romans 14:17)
- Joy (Acts 13:52)
- Power (Acts 1-2)

### **Optional Prayers:**

“I bless what you are doing.”

“More, Lord!”

“Come, Holy Spirit!”