

Today's Topic: "Prayer Presence" LOOK BACK

Our call as followers of Jesus Christ is to love God and to love others...

One way we do this is by proclaiming the Good News and making Him known.

As we abide in Him continually, we will bear much fruit.

By training others as we are trained, we multiply effective disciplemakers.



- 1. TRAINING OTHERS IN WHAT YOU LEARNED FROM OUR LAST LESSON ON **PRAYER AND FASTING**?
 - 2. APPLYING THE LESSONS YOU LEARNED IN STRENGTHENING OTHER BELIEVERS THROUGH **PRAYER AND FASTING**?





LOOK UP: Prayer Presence

Establishing permanent lighthouses of continuous prayer & worship as a beachhead for the Kingdom of God.

Examples:

- 1. Father Nash with Charles Finney (early example)
- 2. Prayer Mountains as in South Korea (earlier examples)
 - 3. Boiler rooms such as 24-7 Prayer Intl
 - 4. Houses of Prayer similar to IHOP-Kansas City
 - 5. Towers of Prayer in Indonesia
- 6. S-PEG's & Groundworks (Strategic Prayer Equipping Groups)
 - 7. The Burn (continuous prayer & worship experiences onsite)
 - 8. Awaken the Dawn, Tent America, others
- 9. Virtual prayer communities such as Global Family 24-7 Prayer

"Heaven's Worship and Prayer Model" - Revelation 5:6-12

- A. Pray as a group before beginning that God would speak to us and open our hearts to hear Him.
- B. Read the entire passage aloud at least 2 times or listen to an audio version twice through. If your group uses storying, present the scripture in this way. Then, have the group practice re-telling the story together.

C. Discussion questions:

- Who is at the center of the throne and sitting on the throne? Who is the object of worship?
- How is the Lamb described? Why might this be important?
- How did the living creatures and elders respond? How many elders are there?
- What do the harp and bowls of incense represent?
- Describe the new song sung by the living creatures and elders. What do we learn about what Jesus accomplished? What roles do those purchased by Jesus have?
- How did all the angelic beings respond? How did every other creature respond?
- What do we learn about worship in heaven from these verses? How might it inform our worship on earth?
- D. Take a few minutes to quietly listen to God. What is He instructing you to do from what you're hearing? Share with each other what you're sensing. Are some of His instructions quite different than you might have imagined? How?
- E. Who is God asking you to share this story with? When will you do it? Share with the group.
- F. What key principles about prayer can you draw from this passage?



Thoughts about Prayer Presence

ASK GOD WHAT HE HAS IN MIND

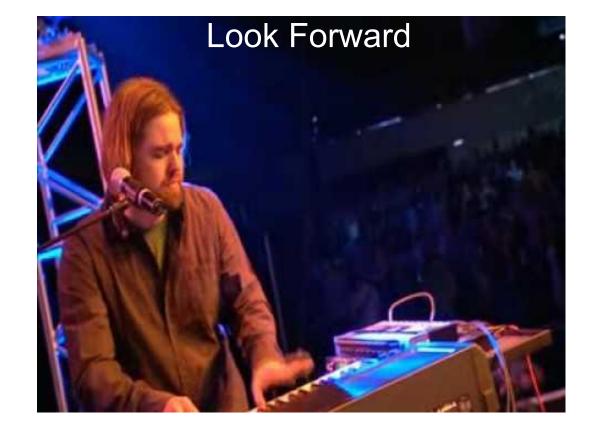
- God is calling His children into His Presence together
- Cultivate a culture of corporate intimacy with God
- When God's Presence is manifest, it's evident
- There is always more of God: go deeper, go higher
- Obey His prompts -- prophetic actions? To speak or not to speak?
- Be anchored in the Word -- God watches over HIS Word to perform it

BE PERSISTENT & PRACTICE

- Occupy and fill the 'house' with Light & Life
- Jesus works with you & confirms His Word with signs & wonders
- Sustaining Prayer Presence changes the spiritual atmosphere







'How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord Almighty!

My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord;

my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God." (Psalm 84:1-2)

Look Forward

"Every place you set your feet I have given it to you..."



Joshua 1:3, NIV: "I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses."

Psalm 2:8-12 (NKJV) "Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession."

Nahum 1:15 "How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!" "

- 1. How does establishing a Prayer Presence make a difference?
- 2. How can we apply Prayer Presence in our own contexts? Home? Vocation/Ministry? Nation? Among the unreached?
- 3. How do you feel God is challenging you in establishing a Prayer Presence?

