

The Living Prayer Seminar

A companion to the book Living Prayer: the Lord's Prayer Alive in You

Rationale

- Nearly every follower of Christ wants a more meaningful prayer life.
- Nearly every pastor really desires (and would greatly benefit by) each of the people in their congregation having a stronger and more dynamic prayer life.
- The only ministry-related request His disciples made of Jesus was to teach them to pray.
- Jesus gave very specific instructions, on two occasions, about how we can pray best.
- We would do well to give these instructions very serious consideration.
- We are not interested simply in helping people hit the prayer target, we want them to hit the bull's eye of the target!
- Many throughout history have affirmed that The Lord's Prayer should be the primary pattern of our prayers.
- As we take His instructions far more seriously than we ever have before, we will pray more like He wants us to pray and find greater fulfillment in the process.

Basic goal/big picture –

- We will give people a thorough introduction to the Lord's Prayer in a creative, easy-to-grasp, very interactive, yet deeply meaningful, motivating manner, in a fairly short period of time.
- They will leave not only motivated, but also equipped, to use Jesus' instruction on prayer as the primary pattern of their prayers.
- We will give people "A very fresh approach to very familiar words."
- They will not simply know the Lord's Prayer more, or like it better, but have experience in using it as a prayer model.
- Just as the Lord communicated with His people through the Written Word and the Living Word, so also, we want to communicate this essential message in a written way (the book) and in a personal way (the seminar).
- We will give attendees more than the basic content of the book, delivered in a manner they will be able to implement right away, use for the rest of their lives and pass on to others.

Ideal format (Other formats can work, but this seems to be the best.)

- 1) Preach in AM
- 2) Sunday Evening Session – 6-9:00
- 3) Monday Evening Session – 6-9:00 (including a simple dinner from 5:50)

Financial arrangements –

- If the format above is followed, we would ask that 1) travel/lodging costs are covered 2) you would consider a normal honorarium for the Sunday AM service 3) a snack is provided on Sunday evening and a relatively simple meal on Monday (see below).
- The individual costs will be 1) \$15 per person, including a copy of the book, (discounts available for families of 3 or more) and 2) an invitation to "pay it forward." That is, we will receive a non-pressured "love offering" toward the end of the Seminar.

Logistical needs – A good sound system, and tables for participants (preferable round) in an appropriately sized room for the number of participants. Table snacks (such as nuts or chocolate pieces, or vegetables, etc.) during the first session and a light meal (such as soup and salad) that should include bread at the beginning of the second seminar session. Drinks such as water and coffee and tea during all sessions.