

### 5.3 How can we pray through certain topics of Scripture?

There were about 25 pastors gathered in a simple chapel at Warm Beach Camp in Washington State. The West side of the chapel was all glass. It overlooked the Puget Sound and the Olympic mountains. It was 7:00am. This was a bonus session on the last day of a three-day Prayer Summit.

Over the years I have gathered verses on the topic of what God has for us or wants from us in, the *morning*. There was no place to write out these references in the chapel, so as they entered, I just assigned each pastor a verse. I asked them to read over the verse a few times, consider what it says about the morning and then to form a prayer about what it says. After a few minutes, I encouraged them to begin praying out loud. What a refreshing time of meeting with the Lord and these brothers!

I have come to call this, *concordance praying* because it is very easy to develop a list of references on a topic from a concordance. Prayers about grace, the kingdom of God, Scripture, His love, are just a few of the topics that can be prayed through in this manner. In preparation for sharing in the Lord's Supper, a very meaningful way to pray is to pray Scriptures specifically about the cross.

There are times when I have written references on a white board, distributed them on a piece of paper, assigned each person a verse or just asked people to use their memories to develop a list as we are praying. In each case the simple instruction is to read the verse over a few times, note what the verse says about the specific topic, then turn it into a prayer. There have been times when I have encouraged one person to pray from their verse and then have two or three others to add their prayers from the same verse.

The point is not in the specific directives but rather in being sensitive to the Lord so He can be the real facilitator of the time of prayer.

- **Blessed by Doing** – Develop a list of verses from a specific Scriptural topic, such as His grace, mercy, love, greatness, or holiness. Facilitate a time of prayer based upon these verses. For more examples of this, go to the resources page at [www.uandibook.net](http://www.uandibook.net).