



2010

Discipleship Framework

Study Guide on Prayer

Welcome to your study on Prayer

This is the first study guide produced by People Christian Fellowship (PCF) in relation to the Discipleship Framework. Within this document you will find a daily reading plan. Committing to this is a very important part of your biblical study and will help you in gaining wisdom and understanding of God's word. PCF Wednesday evening prayer meetings are a great place to receive teaching on different aspects of the book as we all learn together. Your discipler will also be studying with you and will challenge you to search the depths of God's word.

Individual Study

Your reading plan is very important; it will help you to develop the spiritual discipline of studying God's word. We suggest that you spend a short time in prayer before and after studying; asking God to open your heart to His truth. By studying His word you will increase your faith, arm yourself for the challenges ahead and gain knowledge and understanding of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit so that you may confidently witness to others. **Everybody** should follow the daily study plan.

Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting

Spending time in corporate prayer is a vital ingredient for your Spiritual development. As part of the shift to develop the discipleship framework, the prayer meeting bible study section will follow alongside the discipleship study plan. Prayer meeting will be a great opportunity for you to receive comprehensive teaching on a number of key themes found in John's Gospel.

Discipleship Meetings

The Christian walk is not merely an experiential moment of spiritual enlightenment, but a journey toward maturation, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. The Church 'is one', purposed for the building up of the saints in preparation for works of service; identified by its unity with Christ and amongst its members (John 17:21). The basic philosophy of the discipleship framework is:

A community of believers growing in Christ, who are accountable and involved in one another's lives.

The framework promotes a level of accountability in relation to the exercise of spiritual disciplines and a degree of involvement which supports wholesome and fruitful relationships. Through the framework the gifts of all believers can be mobilised to advance the Kingdom of God.

The study below should be used only as a rough guide.

During the study section of the meeting disciplers and disciplees should work through the study questions together discussing any revelations, opinions, issues or thoughts that may arise. You do not have to be a bible scholar to conduct or participate in the bible study. Difficult questions that may arise should be noted and brought to the church leadership.

Below is a rough guide formatting a typical disciple meeting.

Action	Explanation
Open in Prayer	Spend a short time in prayer, asking God to be in the midst of your meeting.
Reflection	You may want to start with some general reflection on how the week has been. Do not try to force information out. The amount of information should be determined by the disciplee
Study	The whole church will be studying the same book at the same time. In this section you could start by reflecting on what you have studied in the previous meeting, any homework and/or revelations. Follow the study guide and try to complete as much as you can.
Reflection	Recap what you have learnt and ask if there are specific areas of intended application. Please also share your areas of intended application. Ensure you set a task to be completed by the next meeting.
Pray	Ask your disciplee if there are any areas of their life they would like you like to pray for/about. Please also remember your community within your prayers. You could also ask your disciplee to pray.
Encourage	Before you meet prepare an encouragement for your disciplee. It must be specific. (Preferably scripture based).

A Study on Prayer

Throughout the month of June we will be focusing on prayer. Our studies will be focused on 4 central themes related to prayer:

1. Why we pray and to whom
2. Hearing from God
3. Interceding on behalf of others
4. Faith and Obedience

Studying is one thing, but doing is another, so please set aside specific times in your day to commune with God. As you follow this guide share your understanding with others and set a goal to continue in a life style of prayer for the remainder of your life.

Prayer Meeting and Discipleship Study Guide on Prayer

Prayer Meeting study duration: 1 week

Total Prayer Meeting teaching time: 1/2 Hour

Start Date: 14/06/10 End Date: 20/06/10

Discipleship study duration: 1 week

Total Discipleship reading time: 1.5 hours (15mins a day)

Week and Date	Focal Area	Prayer meeting Bible Study	Discipleship Reading Plan	Discipleship Study Questions
<p>Week 58</p> <p>Mon 14th June 10</p> <p>–</p> <p>Sunday 20th June 10</p>	3	<p>Wednesday 16th June 2010</p> <p>Interceding on behalf of others - Isaiah 53</p> <p>God in his great Mercy and Grace is interceding for the whole of mankind when he presents this question –</p> <p>“Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?”</p> <p>This chapter states that Jesus Christ was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and familiar with suffering.....Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows....He was pierced for our transgressionscrushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him and by his wounds we are healed.</p> <p>“Yet it was the Lord’s will to crush him...”</p>	<p>Mon- John 1: 1-14</p> <p>Tue - Isaiah 61: 1-3</p> <p>Wed – Isaiah 53:1-13</p> <p>Thur - James 5:13-19</p> <p>Fri - Galatians 6: 7-10</p> <p>Sat - 2 Thes 3: 1- 13</p> <p>Sun – 1 Tim 2:1-8 1 Tim 2:1-8</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why is it important for you to pray for your family, friends and community to find Salvation in Christ? 2. Can our prayers turn an individual’s circumstances around? – any examples 3. Jesus made intercession for the transgressors, how easy is this for us to do the same? 4. Is your prayer powerful and effective to help others? 5. What would make your prayers more powerful? (Proverbs 15:29 and James 5:16) 6. How can we stop being idle and intercede for others?

		<p>For he bore the sin of many and intercession for the transgressors.</p> <p>Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and today and forever.</p> <p>God so loved the world that he sent Jesus for us and through the Gospel message we now have access to God.</p>		
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