



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: 21/06/10 End Date: 27/06/10

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 59</p> <p>Monday 21st</p> <p>June 10</p> <p>–</p> <p>Sunday 27th</p> <p>June 10</p>	4	<p>Wednesday 23rd June 2010</p> <p>Faith and Obedience Part 1- Psalm 34</p> <p>‘I will extol the Lord at all times; his praise will always be on my lips’... the extent of our words must reflect our relationship with God.</p> <p>The Psalm 34, allows us to centre ourselves in God, through prayer.</p> <p>Come, my children listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord....here the just - my children - shall live by faith.</p> <p>‘The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous’... living in obedience to God will always result in God being attentive to our prayers.</p>	<p>Mon- Psalm 52: 8-9</p> <p>Tue - Luke 11: 5-13</p> <p>Wed – Isaiah 6: 1-13</p> <p>Thur - Ephesians 6: 10 - 18</p> <p>Fri - Psalm 55: 22</p> <p>Sat - Psalm 34: 19 - 22</p>	<p>Read Psalms 34</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> v.3 Why is praying together as the family of God, good for us? v.6 Should we be bold in making a request before the Lord? What should govern our request? What is the format of your prayer time? The scripture says that you should: be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. What role does prayer play? v.4 What makes you feel that God does not hear your prayers? How can we channel our prayer toward what God wants, instead of what we want?