

Prayer Relay

Following the commencement of our 1@1 prayer; (praying for 1min at 1pm for people who need to meet Jesus), here is our next challenge: Take this opportunity on Friday to pray for longer for the person or people you have been praying for. "One hour for one person?!" I hear you say, "that's impossible!!" This hour will also involve some thinking time to strategically plan how best to pray for the person.

Here are some things to think about:

Matthew 9:36 When he (Jesus) saw the crowds he had compassion on them because they were harassed and helpless.....

Matthew 14:14 & Mark 6:34 When he went to the shore he saw a huge crowd and he had compassion on them.

Mark 10:21 Jesus looked at him (the rich young ruler) and loved him.

Jesus saw beyond the outward appearance and saw people with physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. Jesus wants us to look at people in the same way.

Colossians 4:2 Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart.

- 1) Ask the Holy Spirit to help you see what it is that your friend needs prayer for and then how to best pray.
- 2) Make time to spend with you friend and listen to what they say, for: **from the overflow of heart the mouth speaks (Luke 6:45)**
 - Are they anxious/fearful? Ask for peace, bind fear Romans 8:15
 - Do they have a health problem? Pray for their healing and then an opportunity to pray for them.
 - Financial problems? Work issues?
- 3) Identify what could be blocking them from coming to know Jesus.
 - Are they into ungodly spiritual practices?
 - Do they have a head full of knowledge but missing real relationship?
 - Are they chasing financial security or other worldly security?
 - Have they been hurt by someone or even the church?
- 4) Be alert to the issues ask God for his revelation and with compassion and love pray. Ask God to give you key scriptures.

Remember our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Eph 6:12) God bless and happy praying!