

Returning to Holiness Prayer Meeting

June 1, 2009

*“I am the vine; you are the
branches. If a man remains in
me and I in him, he will bear
much fruit; apart from me you
can do nothing.”*

John 15:5

The next Returning to Holiness Prayer Meeting will be on
a Monday, July 6, 2009 at **6:30** p.m.

Please mark you calendar.

Instructions

When you enter the Worship Center, enter it as if you are entering into the very presence of God. Our purpose is to spend quality time with God in prayer. If you need to talk to someone please go out into the foyer of the church so you will not disturb others.

You are not expected to pray through each section tonight. Those sections you don't get to tonight you can use in your private prayer time over the next few weeks.

Use the following guide as you pray tonight.

Ø **Begin by Praising God**

Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you (Psalm 9:10).

Jehovah-mekadesh—means the Lord who Sanctifies You. God's essential attribute is His holiness. Our holiness is dependant upon God's presence in our lives. The holiness of God demands our separation from sin. Sanctification means that we should be like God in our purity and be set apart unto Him for service because we bear His name.

Praise Jehovah-mekadesh for . . .

- Being a holy God
- Turning you from sinfulness into holiness
- Conforming you into the image of Jesus Christ
- The conviction of sin by the Holy Spirit
- Forgiving us when we sin against God

Ø **Confess Your Sins**

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9

Dr. Greg Frizzell book, "Returning to Holiness" has arrived. If you brought your copy you may use it. For those without a copy, pick one up and use it. The cost is \$3.00. If you can afford that cost, put your money in the offering plate this Sunday. If you can't afford it, accept the book as a gift from the church to you.

Turn to the section on Sins of Attitude beginning on page 24. Carefully read through this section and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal any unconfessed sins in your life.

Do not neglect this time of your prayers. Confession of sins is absolutely necessary for a right relationship with God and a powerful prayer life.

Ø **Make a short list of your unsaved family, friends, and co-workers**

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Pray for their salvation; ask God to draw your unsaved friends to Him through the conviction of the Holy Spirit, and ask that God will surround them with many Christians. Ask God what you can do beyond prayer to win your family and friends to faith in Christ.

Ø Pray for Elders Baptist Church

- Pray that the church will clearly receive God’s direction in all decisions and ministries.
- Pray that the church clearly discerns God’s vision for that particular congregation.
- Pray for a spirit of zeal in all ministries and initiatives.
- Pray for blessing and abundance of resources to do God’s work.

Ø Petitionary Prayer

Pray through the Beatitudes.

- Poor in Spirit* (vs. 3) – the realization that we are helpless when it comes to spiritual matters.
- Those who mourn* (vs. 4) – an attitude of sorrow for your own sins and the sins of others.
- The meek* (vs. 5) – an honest understanding of who we are. This is evidenced in our submission to God and His Word.
- Those who hunger and thirst for righteousness* (vs. 6) – a never ending desire for God’s righteousness to be real in your life.

e) *The merciful* (vs. 7) – a caring attitude to those who are in misery.

f) *The pure in heart* (vs. 8) – a deep desire to be cleansed from sins and to avoid sinning.

g) *The peacemakers* (vs. 9) – personally experiencing the peace of God and sharing that peace with those that don’t know God.

h) *Those who are persecuted because of righteousness* (vs. 10) – an attitude of joy when persecuted for our faith in Jesus.

Ø Praying the 10/40 Window

The following table on the next page lists the nations in the “10/40 Window.” Ask God to help you select **one** nation for you to “adopt” as your focus prayer nation.

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| Afghanistan | Egypt | Japan | Mauritania | Sudan |
| Algeria | Eritrea | Jordan | Morocco | Syria |
| Bahrain | Ethiopia | Korea, | Myanmar | Taiwan |
| Bangladesh | Gambia | North | (Burma) | Tajikistan |
| Benin | Gibraltar | Korea, | Nepal | Thailand |
| Bhutan | Greece | South | Niger | Tunisia |
| Burkina | Guinea | Kuwait | Oman | Turkey |
| Faso | Guinea- | Laos | Pakistan | Turkmenistan |
| Cambodia | Bissau | Lebanon | Philippines | United Arab |
| Chad | India | Libya | Portugal | Emirates |
| China | Iran | Macau | Qatar | Vietnam |
| Cyprus | Iraq | Mali | Saudi Arabia | Western Sahara |
| Djibouti | Israel | Malta | Senegal | Yemen |

Some quick facts on the 10/40 Window:

- These nations account for 2/3 of the world's population
- These nations contain almost 100% of the world's 1.1 billion Muslims, 800 million Hindus, and 300 million Buddhists
- Every non-Christian world religion was originated in the 10/40 Window.
- These nations contain almost 4 billion people and make up 97% of the least evangelized people on our planet.
- 43 of the top 50 nations that persecute Christians are located in the 10/40 Window.
- The 10/40 Window is a safe haven for terrorist groups and a location of terrorist training camps.
- Political corruption, lawlessness, and human rights violations are rampant in the 10/40 Window and make it a breeding ground for demonic activity.

Praying for the following needs for your international country:

TERRORISM:

- Pray that the terrorist groups will be thrown into confusion, and will not be able to regroup, recruit, or have the capacity to be disruptive. Pray that the demonic forces that are using the terrorists like puppets will be toppled, and that the people will be set free to worship the Lord. Pray that the terrorists will experience conversion to Christianity. (1 Timothy 2:1-4)

- Pray for religious tolerance. Pray especially against the work of extremists who should be labeled terrorists and dealt with by governmental authorities accordingly. (Proverbs 11:21)
- Pray that when the enemy comes against innocent people that the Spirit of the Lord will raise up a standard against the enemy by sending forth weapons from His arsenal in Heaven. (Exodus 15:3, 6-7 and Isaiah 59:19)
- Pray that the strategy of using jihad soldiers from other towns, cities, and nations to violate Christians and followers of other religions will cease and desist. (Nehemiah 6:16)
- Pray for efforts to address violence against women, including honor killing. (Psalm 31:15)
- Pray that governments will provide protection for all of their citizens, including Christians who are many times in the minority. (Jeremiah 23:4)
- Pray that renegade and hostile terrorists are caught and properly dealt with for their continued violence against innocent people. (Mark 4:22)

See the web site www.win1040.com. There is also plenty of information on each country and a month-long prayer calendar to guide your daily prayers.)

Ø Conclude with Worship & Praise

Take time to thank God for His goodness and mercy. Prayer is a gift from God; tell Him how thankful you are for your time together. This prayer guide is intended to be too long to fully pray through each item in the general time frame of the Returning to Holiness Prayer Meeting. If you finished early, it may mean you need to devote more time to each area of prayer. If you did not finish, as I have intended, please take this home and use it during the next few weeks to facilitate your prayer time. Thanks for being here.

SPECIAL REMINDER:

If you are the last to leave the worship center, please make sure the lights are turned off in the worship center *and* in the lobby of the church. The door will already be locked, so you won't have to do that. Thanks for your help.

Pastor Jim

Credits:

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Pastor Jim's personal prayer notebook which includes sources collected over many years; the original authors are in many cases unknown.

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The section on praying through the 10/40 Window is copied from a prayer guide purchased from "Window International Network." To purchase the prayer guide go to www.win1040.com.

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