

Weekly Prayer Strategy

16 April – 21 April 2018

This week's prayer strategy is based on the sermon by Paul Nyamuda entitled: Understanding Prejudice & Stereotypes.

Prayer Point 1

1 Samuel 16:7

The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.

- Pray that we would be a Church that sees people after their heart or after their spirit and not based on outward appearances.

Prayer Point 2

- Pray for the grace and wisdom to manage your own rage or negative reaction toward any discrimination that you have faced or will face.

Prayer Point 3

- Consider the following questions and repent as convicted by the Holy Spirit:
 - What stereotypes have you formed over people?
 - How many people have you rejected due to stereotypes?
 - What inner vows have you made due to stereotypes?
 - How have you limited yourself because of stereotypes?

Prayer Point 4

Luke 10:25-37 John 4. In Acts 8:25

- Pray that we would be a Church that challenges stereotypes like Jesus did.

1 Timothy 2:1-3

First of all, then, I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgiving be offered on behalf of all men for kings and all those in authority, so that we may lead tranquil and quiet lives in all godliness and dignity. This is good and pleasing in the sight of God our Savior.

- Repent of any wrong narrative you carry about ethnicity, government and marriage.
- Pray for your local government, national government and leaders.

Prayer Point 5

Read through the following types of stereotypes listed below and repent for where you have allowed them to limit your potential or that of others around you.

1. Age

Jeremiah 1:6-8

Then I said, "Alas, Lord GOD! Behold, I do not know how to speak, Because I am a youth." But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am a youth,' Because everywhere I send you, you shall go, And all that I command you, you shall speak. "Do not be afraid of them, For I am with you to deliver you," declares the LORD.

1 Timothy 4:12

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.

Acts 2:17

In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.

2. Occupation

Judges 5:24-27 Women can be warriors like Deborah

Most blessed of women be Jael, the wife of Heber the Kenite, most blessed of tent-dwelling women. He asked for water, and she gave him milk; in a bowl fit for nobles she brought him curdled milk. 26 Her hand reached for the tent peg, her right hand for the workman's hammer. She struck Sisera, she crushed his head, she shattered and pierced his temple. At her feet he sank, he fell; there he lay. At her feet he sank, he fell; where he sank, there he fell—dead.

3. Personality

4. Gender

5. Nationality

6. Disease stigma

7. Style

8. Sport