

Weekly Prayer Strategy

9 October – 14 October 2017

This week's prayer strategy is based on the sermon by Paul Nyamuda entitled: Deeper Community.

Prayer Point 1

Acts 2:46-47

Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

- Pray for Go Church that we may become like the New Testament community mentioned in the above verse:
 - breaking bread in our homes with each other.
 - eating together with glad and sincere hearts.
 - praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people.

Prayer Point 2

Hebrews 10:24-25

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

- Pray that we may be a Church whose Go Groups spur one another on toward love and good deeds and meeting regularly.

Prayer Point 3

Romans 16:17

I urge you, brothers and sisters, to watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. Keep away from them.

- Pray that your spiritual eyes may be opened to see those who cause division in our midst and the wisdom to deal with them.

Prayer Point 4

Go through the 10 points listed below that block deeper community then:

- (i) Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you any things/issues that prevent you from fully engaging in deeper community.
- (ii) Bring those issues/things before the Lord and repent where you need to and pray that He would help you deal with those issues. Where necessary seek counselling.
- (iii) Make a decision to become part of a Go Group. Speak to the Go Group leaders in Church, visit the website or speak to the pastors to help you locate the one best suited for you.

1. Independent spirit

Romans 12:4-5

For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

2. Stinginess

Acts 4:32

All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had.

3. Superiority and Inferiority complex

Romans 12:16

Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

4. Non mutual – feeling used

Proverbs 27:17

As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend.

5. Peer Pressure

Proverbs 13:20

He who walks with wise men will be wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm.

Ephesians 5:11

Do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even expose them.

6. Bullying and violence

Ephesians 4:29

Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear.

7. The spirit of division

- a. Racial prejudice
- b. Tribalism
- c. Classism
- d. Chauvinism, Misogyny and Misandry
- e. Generational gap

Galatians 3:28-29

There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

1 Corinthians 12:13

For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

Titus 2:3-5

Older women, likewise, are to be reverent in their behaviour, not slanderers or addicted to much wine, but teachers of good. 4In this way they can train the young women to love their husbands and children, 5to be self-controlled, pure, managers of their households, kind, and subject to their own husbands, so that the word of God will not be discredited....

8. Relational wounds from betrayal

Proverbs 17:9

Anyone who overlooks an offense promotes love, but someone who gossips separates close friends.

9. Exhaustion

Gal 6:9-10

Let us not grow weary in well-doing, for in due time we will reap a harvest, if we do not give up. 10Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to the family of faith.

10. Pettiness

Romans 14:1

Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarrelling over disputable matters.