

Weekly Prayer Strategy

1 Apr – 6 Apr

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

What Every Believer Needs To Know About False Ministries Pt 2.

Prayer Point 1 - All ministers will go through the servant test

Matthew 20:25-27

²⁵ But Jesus called them aside and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their superiors exercise authority over them. ²⁶ It shall not be this way among you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ²⁷ and whoever wants to be first among you must be your slave.

- Pray that we would be a Church that believes in practising servant leadership across all levels.

Prayer Point 2 - Believers must learn how to interpret the Word of God for themselves

Matthew 23:23

"Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill and cumin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former."

2 Timothy 2:15

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

- Pray that we would be a Church that is doctrinally pure and strong, being cognisant of the following as we teach the word of God:
 - Did Jesus teach it?
 - Is it practised in the book of Acts?
 - Do we see it explained in the Epistles?

Prayer Point 3 - False ministries have distinct fruit by which we can recognise them

Mt 7:15-17

¹⁵ Beware of false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. ¹⁶ By their fruit you will recognize them. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? ¹⁷ Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit....

- Pray that we would be a Church that is conformed to the image of Christ and exhibits the fruit of the Spirit.

Prayer Point 4 – False ministers tend to honour covenants with men more than the covenant with Christ

1 Cor 1:12-14

¹² What I mean is this: Individuals among you are saying, "I follow Paul," "I follow Apollos," "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." ¹³ Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized into the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I did not baptize any of you except Crispus and Gaius,...

- Pray that we would be a Church that honours the Word of God and His covenants and not the teachings of men.

Prayer Point 5 – True Pastors are called to guard their flock from false ministries

Acts 20:28-29

²⁸ Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. ²⁹ I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock.

- Pray that we would be a Church that jealously guards the flock from false ministries.