

Weekly Prayer Strategy

24 Mar – 30 Mar

This week's prayer strategy is based on the sermon by Vimbai Chariga entitled:

Discipleship – Growing Jozi beyond the conversion experience.

Prayer Point 1

Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

- Pray that we would be a Church that never holds back on fulfilling the Great Commission.

Prayer Point 2 - A disciple is a learner, a student and an apprentice.

James 1:22

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

And remember, it is a message to obey, not just to listen to. If you don't obey, you are only fooling yourself. –NLT

2 Timothy 2:15

¹⁵ Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

- Pray that we would be a well-disciplined people who consistently sit under the teachings of Jesus and obey them.
- Pray that your lifestyle would be conformed to the image of Christ.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you your shortcomings that may hinder you from being effectively disciplined.

Prayer Point 3 - A disciple is someone who has a desire to be like their master (Jesus).

Luke 6:40

The disciple is not above his teacher: but everyone who is perfectly trained will be like his teacher.

- Pray that the Holy Spirit would transform your life daily so that we can become like Christ in thought, speech, conduct, passion and vision.

Prayer Point 4 - A disciple is someone who is passionate about achieving their destiny.

Ps 139: 13-16

¹³ For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. ¹⁴ I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well. ¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, and skilfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. ¹⁶ Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book, they all were written, the days fashioned for me, when as yet there were none of them.

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you answer the following questions so that you can get a clearer understanding of what you are called to:

- What are you gifted at?
- What growth phase or life-stage are you in?
- What are your talents?
- What are you passionate about?
- What experiences (positive and negative) have or are you going through?
- What training and mentorship have or are you going through or need to go through?
- What is your individual style?

Prayer Point 5 - A disciple is someone who is willing to enter into close relationship with other people.

- Pray that as a Church we would build an authentic community of believers reflecting the culture of Christ.
- Use the Spiritual Health Audit below with your accountability partners to explore any potential issues you need to deal with:

Historical Issues:

- Describe your upbringing
- How did you come to know the Lord and be discipled?
- Do you have any time-bombs or patterns of weakness that keep holding you back in your discipleship process?
- Are you in any unhealthy relationships that may be holding you back spiritually?

I. Devotion

- How is your personal time with God (regularity, content and approach)?

II. Stewardship

- How is your time management?
- Do you believe you are fully utilizing your time to glorify God?
- What are the time-wasters in your life?
- How well are you managing the money God has given you stewardship over?
- Are you being a good steward of your body (physical health, nutrition and fitness)?
- What will you endeavour to do to become a better steward in this area?
- Have you been using the gifts and skills that God has given you?
- If not, what are the hindrances to this?
- Are you currently aligned to your life call and vision?

III. Relationships

- How is your relationship with your pastors and other church leaders?
- When was the last time you practised hospitality in your home?
- How are your relations at work?
- How are relations with your extended family?
- How is your relationship with your children?

IV. Marital Relations

- What were your positive contributions to your marriage in the previous week?
- What were your negative contributions to your marriage in the previous week?
- When was the last time you did something for the first time in your marriage?
- Where is your spouse in his/her love tank? (Out of 10)

V. Personal Development

- What books are you currently reading?
- What is your strategy for personal study?
- Describe the progress you are making in the mentorship you may be currently receiving?

VI. Outreach

- How are those you are discipling?
- How are those you are mentoring?
- What are you doing for the community?

VII. Purity

- Do you have any blind-spots in your life that you would like to make yourself accountable concerning?
- Are there any issues you have been convicted of during the previous week?
- Where are you in your emotional bank account? (Out of 10)

Prayer Point 6 - A disciple is someone who is open to correction.

Matthew 8:26

But He said to them, "Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?" Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm.

Mark 8:33

But when He had turned around and looked at His disciples, He rebuked Peter, saying, "Get behind Me, Satan! For you are not ^[a]mindful of the things of God, but the things of men."

- Pray for humility to always be open to rebuke and correction.

Prayer Point 7 - A disciple is someone who makes other disciples

Titus 2:3-8

The older women likewise, that they be reverent in behaviour, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things--that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed. Likewise, exhort the young men to be sober-minded, in all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility, sound speech that cannot be condemned, that one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say of you.

Philippians 3:17

Join with others in following my example, brothers, and take note of those who live according to the pattern we gave you.

Philippians 4:9

Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me or seen in me-- put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

- Pray that we would be a Church that raises disciples who make disciples.