

Establishment of an hourly prayer meeting - practical guidelines / suggestions.

Herewith some practical guideline and suggestions for leading a weekly prayer meeting. Obviously these are only guidelines. Trust the Lord that He will lead week for week, and with time establish a unique look and feel to your group.

- Do not talk for too long before the meeting starts. Start at the right time, maybe with a hallelujah/gospel song or Christian hymn while the late-comers arrive.
- Thereafter, the leader welcomes everybody and if the leader feels led to do so, he/she may spend a few minute sharing something Lord laid on his/her heart, or a short time teaching on particular aspect of prayer.
- The leader then proceeds to outline suggested topics for prayer. We usually divide the prayer topics into 3 general categories:
 - Matters related to the congregation – members in need, ministries requiring prayer support, pastors, elders and deacons, etc.
 - Matters related to community and city/town – E.g. schools, colleges, police, prisons, businesses, hospitals, etc.
 - Matters of national interest. The Tipping point prayer items (found elsewhere on the website) outlines matters which we at MPG prayer feel to be of critical national importance at the moment. (www.moreleta.org – Tipping point – Points for prayer)
- The leader and group member decide on topics for prayer in each category. Having done this, decide which of the categories are most pressing and need the most time in prayer for the evening. Trust the Holy Spirit to lead and guide in this respect (Romans 8: 26,27)
- Once the decision has been made regarding the prayer topics, divide into groups. The group should consist of 3 to 5 persons. There should not be more than 5 persons in a group (if possible). Each person gets a turn to pray for the topics as the Lord lays on his/her heart.
- **Very important = Pray shorter prayers so that every person can at least pray twice for different topics God places on his/her heart. Longwinded prayers are tiresome and frustrating to other folks**
- Spend 10-30 min on each of the 3 categories, depending on your priorities for the meeting. We feel strongly that, given the crisis in our nation, proportionally more time should be devoted to Tipping point matters, except where congregational and community matters seem to be more important for that particular meeting.
- One the meeting is completed (+/- 1 hour) we have a habit at MPG to stand in a circle, join hands and sing a hymn that is close to our hearts or the “Our Father” prayer. Perhaps your group may consider something similar,
- In closing
 - We pray for the Lord's blessing for every prayer group that will start soon, as well as those which have been functioning for some time now.
 - Please do not be discouraged - God's answers come to those who are persevering and pressing in prayer. (Isaiah 62.7)

Blessings

Moreleta Park Congregation Prayer Ministry.