

How to start a prayer meeting at your congregation, home group or circle of friends.

Perhaps there is someone prompted and convinced by the Lord to start a prayer group. Or perhaps you are already part of a prayer group and seek advice to expand or make your group more effective. We at MPC (Moreleta Park Congregation) prayer team are more than happy to try to help with counsel and guidelines. We trust the Lord for wisdom.

A few simple guidelines.

- Select a time, once a week, preferably an hour or more, at a time which suits most people.
- Choose a venue - It is not necessary for a formal prayer room, it is not even necessary that it should take place at the church premises. Find a place that is central and easily accessible to most people.
- Start advertising that you are launching a prayer group. It's always wise to acknowledge your pastor (s) in the matter, and to invite him/her to attend your meeting regularly if possible, otherwise on occasions. The meeting can be announced every week before or after the church service to remind existing members and invite others to attend the meeting
- A WhatsApp group usually works well for communicating with prayer group members. (Beware of sending endless messages, stories, video's, hearts and thumbs - restrict sending information to the leader of the group)
- Choose a group leader - If the Lord led you to start a group, we have news for you - The Lord has appointed you as the leader of the group. (We will gladly send you information to make it easier for you)
- Establish a date and place for the first meeting, trust the Lord, and get started!
- Do not worry about numbers - leave it for the Lord to add or remove people.
- It is very important that there must be consistency. In other words, group members should not wonder if there will be a meeting this week or not. Try your best to be faithful every week regarding the meeting - "come hell or high water". Nothing causes a group to decline faster than uncertainty, in other words a one week on, one week off and one week maybe type scenario.
- Also – never doubt whether your establishing a prayer group is the Lords will or not. It is the Lord's will that you should start a prayer group, after all, doesn't the Bible teach: My house shall be a house of prayer. (Matt 21: 12-13) Prayer is the primary task of any congregation, how can it be different from God's will to initiate a prayer initiative.
- Lastly, if you arrive at the prayer meeting and you are the only there - do not turn around and go home. The Lord has a special appointment with you. Spend time in the Word and in prayer. Pray for your home, your congregation, your pastor, the prayer group and other matters that the Lord lays on your heart. You will never regret this special one on one time with the Lord!

Blessings

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