

“First Watch” Touch Points for Evangel’s Prayer Vigil team

For the week of August 16, 2015

Five Blessings - Week 3

Committing to a Praying Life

The quote section is inspired by *The One Year® Book of Praying Through the Bible* by Cheri Fuller (Tyndale, 2003)

Quote

The real tension reliever...

The better you become acquainted with God, the less tensions you feel and the more peace you possess.

Charles L. Allen

You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound. In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.

Psalms 4:7-8 ESV

Question

How do you become better acquainted with God? How important are the disciplines of a devotional time and the development of a praying life? What other factors have helped you (worship, study, etc.)?

Renewal at Evangel

Five Blessings for Fall Outreach at Evangel

Leading up to the resumption of programs in September, we invite you to join in the “Five Blessings” approach to pray for the startup of these programs, including:

- Coffeebreak
- LIF@Etime
- Small Groups
- Ministry initiatives and staff for Evangel
- Ministry opportunities for you to extend care and witness to others, including an invitation to Evangel

The Five Blessings approach (adapted from Houses of Prayer Everywhere—HOPE):

Pray

5 blessings for
5 people/families for
5 minutes a day
5 days a week for
5 weeks

You can use the BLESS acronym as a guide to shaping your prayers:

- B**ody—*health, protection, strength*
- L**abor—*work, income, security*
- E**mootional—*joy, peace, hope*
- S**ocial—*love, marriage, family, friends*
- S**piritual—*salvation, faith, grace*

You can use this helpful framework at any time for your own Impact List.

PRAYER PROMPTS

- If you are troubled, pray that God will draw you close to him this week; that tensions will be reduced and you will feel his peace. Pray also for opportunities to tell others of God’s work in your life. Pray this for others as well.
- Reflect on this week’s worship service, the music, Scriptures, and Pastor Dave’s message “Reaching for Rewards” (1 Thessalonians 2:17-20). Pray that the Lord will lead you to ways to apply the lessons learned in your own walk with Christ, as you connect with different people this week.
- Continue to pray for opportunities to invite people to our services, and to become engaged in spiritual discovery with the people of Evangel in other ways as well. Ask the Lord to open doors of conversation, connection or compassion with others to enable that engagement this week.

* A podcast of the sermon and other materials will be posted on the website by Monday.

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