

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

For the week of August 30, 2015

Five Blessings - Week 5

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

SHOWING GOD’S LOVE...

If we have got the true love of God shed abroad in our hearts, we will show it in our lives. We will not have to go up and down the earth proclaiming it. We will show it in everything we say or do.

Dwight L. Moody

Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the LORD,
and he will repay him for his deed.

Psalm 10:1 ESV

Question

How do this week’s quote and verse relate to the five people or families you have included in the Five Blessings? Have you seen any results yet, or at least opportunities to build relationships and establish conversation about spiritual things?

The Five Blessings emphasis ends this week. Next week we’ll start using material from “Time Out in Tough Times,” from the editors of Guideposts. Each week will feature a Scripture, reflection, short prayer, and a specific thing to do during the week.

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

- Pray that the Evangel family will reflect the love of Christ and that the hearts of children and adults alike will be set on the path toward eternal life through Christ.
- Reflect on this week’s worship service, the music, Scriptures, and Pastor Dave’s message “The Least of These” Part (Galatians 6:10). 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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