

“First Watch” Touch Points for Evangel’s Prayer Vigil team
For the week of June 26, 2016

When You Want to Share Your Faith

The current series of Touch Points is taken from “Time Out in Tough Times,” from the editors of Guide-posts (MIF Books, 2009). The reflections come from a variety of writers.

READ: Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love . . . *Romans 12:10*

REFLECT: “Hey, Brett, I’m speaking tonight at a café for teens. Wanna come?”

To my surprise he said, “I’d love to.”

I’d seen him at school, usually standing alone, and had said hi once or twice. For some reason, though, I felt that I should invite him to this event.

We arrived early, so Brett and I played a few games of pool. It felt as if we had been friends forever. That night I talked about what God had done in my life and what it meant to be sure of eternal life.

Over the next two years, we continued our friendship. He even started coming to church. Then one Sunday night, he stood up in front of the youth group. “One day, I became so depressed I decided to kill myself. But that morning, someone I didn’t know invited me to hear him give his testimony. I changed my mind about suicide and went with him. That night, I gave my life to Jesus.”

Joshua Sundquist

PRAY: *Thank You, Father, for people who are willing to serve others. Give them strength, patience and understanding for those they serve.*

DO: Ask a friend the key to his/her patience for difficult people.

ADDITIONAL PRAYER PROMPTS

- Use the Pause to Pray as a guide to focus on other concerns through the week. Copies can be found in the lobby and in the Archive section on the website (evbapt.org/archive). The full Pause to Pray is used in our Wednesday prayer time. An abbreviated version appears in the Sunday bulletin.
- Reflect on this week’s worship service—the music, Scripture, Pastor Dave’s message “The Calling of His Choice”* (2 Thessalonians 2:13-14)—that all will help as you go through this week; for your own walk with Christ, and that you may be a blessing and witness to people you have contact with during the 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 and compassion with others to enable that engagement this week.
- Pray that God will bless our succession planning efforts (Pastor Dave and Jennie anticipate retirement, tentatively late spring 2017). See Pause to Pray for specific prayer requests. See the Succession Planning page on our [website](http://www.evbapt.org), with additional updates and information to help you better understand our succession planning process. Pray for the Open Forum on June 26, that the Lord will use it to help reveal His plan.

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

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