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Praying the Word (w/o WL)

This set helps people see and learn the value of praying the Word. We intentionally stay in one passage for an extended time. We opt out of the hurried culture and slow down. We desire to develop people who have deep wells and pastures to go to scripture.

The power of this time is in its **consistency** and **simplicity**.

Prayer leader targets:

- Make no assumptions.
 - Lead each set like people are there for the first time. 99% of the time, there are a few new people or people who have only been a few times.
- Repetition is your friend.
 - Short, consistent phrases help people learn.
- Be clear.
 - Let people know what to do, what will happen next, etc.
- Be comfortable with silence.
 - Trust that the Holy Spirit speaks to people, and don't feel the need to force it.
- Model and teach without people knowing it.
 - Try to demystify prayer. Small handles go a long way.

Basic layout: 6 am

6:01- 2 min timer

6:03- Set the room up:

- Explain the passage
- 20 to 25 mins of free space

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- Worship music
- Free space to engage with God
- Short handles for prayer and ways to engage with God. Up, In, Out, etc.

6:10ish- Pray and invite the Holy Spirit to lead the time.

- Allow everyone a few mins to read the passage.
- Read the text over the room.
- Pray based on a word or phrase out of that text. This is to model how to pray the Bible

6:15ish- Send the room out for 25 mins.

6:40ish- Invite the room together to pray about what the Lord is highlighting.

- You can flex this up or down depending on the size of the room and temperature.
- Invite people to popcorn-style pray into what God is highlighting
- Create freedom and space
- Look for "threads" connecting things.

6:55- Closing prayer 'bring the rain.' Pray from the most vertical place possible. Send the room out with an exhortation or prayer quote.