

Season of Prayer – The month of August 2019

Theme: God's dream for us

Introduction

The Holy Spirit has been speaking to the church recently through pictures and through corporate prayer meetings. The general message is one of our need to “wake up” to “rise up” and to “go ye”. We have written down what we were praying and receiving from God in those prayer meetings which you can see via the website or ChurchSuite.

The prevailing questions on our hearts are:

1. How do we “wake up, rise up and go ye”?

In Deuteronomy 1 we read the following:

*“The Lord our God spoke to us in Horeb, saying: ‘**You have dwelt long enough at this mountain. 7 Turn and take your journey, and go.....8 See, I have set the land before you; go in and possess the land which the Lord swore to your fathers—to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—to give to them and their descendants after them.**’*

For Israel this was a journey of the feet. For us it is a **journey of the heart**. We must rally together for a journey of transformation that awakens us from spiritual slumber into spiritual awakenings.

2. Is Kingsway (in terms of what we do, how we do it and how we are organised) what Jesus had in mind when He dreamed of the church?”

We are calling this season of prayer “*God's Dream for Us*”. In the month of August 2019 we want to invite you, the body, to continue to hear from the Holy Spirit about all that He wants Kingsway to be. We want to challenge you to ask the Holy Spirit about who He wants YOU to be and how He wants YOU to express the gifts and talents He has given to you. We all want the Holy Spirit to be like an alarm clock that rouses us from spiritual sleep!

I don't want to constrain or curtail your prayers, but if you are struggling, you might like to ask the Holy Spirit about our vision (Reach, Restore, Refresh) and what that might look like in practice. You might like to ask about how our gatherings are organised, or about how the church can positively impact our witness in our workplaces, our social lives, friends and neighbours. Do Sunday mornings as we do them right now fulfil God's vision to reach, restore and refresh? What does loving God look like? What does loving our neighbour and even our enemy look like? What does being spiritually awake look like?

Matthew 7: 7-8 reads:

7 “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

This scripture encourages us into an active posture in our pursuit of God and tells us of the promises that come in response to it. We will receive, we will find, we will have doors opened for us. A.W. Tozer's conviction was that “God tells those who care”. Can we as a body pursue God in this way and demonstrate to Him that we care enough to want to hear His heart?

Prayer meetings, Prayer Triplets, Prayer pointers

We want to encourage as many people to pray in as many ways possible during this month. To facilitate this, we want to encourage prayer triplets to be formed and meeting weekly. We will put on weekly prayer meetings on a Wednesday 7pm to 8pm at the centre and we will distribute weekly prayer pointers (to assist in giving direction to prayer gatherings). We will finish the month with a half night of prayer and worship on Friday 30th August from 7.00pm to 11.00pm.