

“Be There”

Exodus 24:12

Getting away for time in extended prayer gives increased opportunity to get away from all the noise around us and to focus our thoughts “on things above, not things on earth.” The theme for this summer’s half day of prayer will be “Be There” taken from Exodus 24:12 “Then the Lord said to Moses, “Come up to Me on the mountain and be there; and I will give you tablets of stone, and the law and commandments which I have written, that you may teach them.”

God calls Moses up to mountain, a place of solitude to receive instruction from God and in the process experienced an intimacy with God. This solitude with God was also modeled by the Lord Jesus Christ. The gospels record seven times Jesus went up a mountain to pray. It is our desire that as you spend time in extended prayer on the mountain, God will direct you to those who need the Savior, how you can make an impact in serving in the body of Christ through your gifts, and leave with a greater intimacy with the Savior.

Specific prayer topics to address

- First half of the day: Evangelism: praying for family, friends, foes
- Second half of the day: Edification: praying for ministries at Ascent Bible Church

What to take with you

The essential items to have with you are a Bible, paper, and a pen or pencil. Other helpful items include:

- Bible, paper/pen
- List of church ministries and missionaries
- Favorite devotional book; hymnal
- Your current prayer list
- Scripture verses to memorize
- Journal to record what God is imparting to you
- Dress appropriately for the day’s weather
- Blanket, sunscreen, snacks – cell phones for emergency only

How to stay alert

- Get adequate rest the night before
- Change positions: sit a while, walk around, sit walk ..
- Have variety in what you do: Read Scripture, pray, write
- Pray aloud, pray in a whisper or soft voice

Taking notes

Taking notes during your extended time in prayer will give you a record of the things the Lord is speaking to you. It helps us to not forget the things God has imparted on our heart we need to act on.

Two questions

The result of your day in prayer should be answers to the two questions Paul asked the Lord on the Damascus road (Acts 22:6-10). Paul’s first question was, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ The Lord replied, ‘I am Jesus.’ You will be seeking to know Him, to find out who He is. The second questions Paul asked was, ‘What shall I do, Lord?’ the Lord answered him specifically. This should be answered or reconfirmed for you in that part of the day when you unhurriedly seek His will for you.

Don't think you must end the day with some new discovery or extraordinary experience. Wait on God and expose yourself to His Word. The test of extended time in prayer is not how exhilarated we are when the day is over but how it works into life in the days to come.

Church Ministries:

Prayer (including Prayer Chain), Praise, and Preaching

Sound System, Broadcasting of messages, Audio/Visual display, lighting

Discipleship, Bible Study, Biblical Guidance

Benevolence-for Congregation, Life Groups, Hearts & Hands

SUMMIT Men, PALSS Women, SLAM Teens, KIDS Children, Deaf Ministry, Grief Support

Facilities Maintenance and Improvement

Security and Safety

Ambassadors: Greeting and Welcoming, Ushering, Serving Communion

Financial and Technical Support

Church Missions:

Local Outreach Events like E.M.T

Apache Creek Christian Camp (Craig and Debbie Lang)

Bill and Julia Otterness (Kansas City; Julia is Bill and Jan Clements' daughter)

Abba's Helping Hands, Israel (Pastor Moshe Turjeman and Jonathan Shweiki)

Stephen and Natalia Taynton (Middle East; Natalia is Lupe Martin's granddaughter)

Kale Horvath & Family (Hungary)

Diego Romero (Morocco)

Liz Stinard (Senegal)