

*A simple, but crucial part of pioneering/working with new converts – is establishing prayer meetings.*

### **I. PRAYER PRIORITY**

A. One of your most important tasks as a pioneer is prayer

1. You will have a million tasks/details that will consume you
  - a. The mistake is thinking you are too busy to pray
2. Another mistake is that we need the right place: I don't have a building yet
3. We think praying now isn't important: *But when we have a building/disciples – we will!*

B. God gets involved only as we pray

1. *Matthew 9:38 Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.*"

C. Our major task is to establish personal prayer meetings

1. If no one sees you/checks up on you – you still need to pray
  - a. PM: *Would pray in a shed – in Phoenix! When too hot – he would pray in the bathroom*
2. Learn to pray before you go out!

### **II. PRAYER PATTERN**

A. Your task is to establish a pattern of prayer:

1. The disciples knew that Jesus prayed! *V1 as he was praying in a certain place...*
2. **There needs to be faithfulness:** (people should know you will be praying)
3. **There needs to be volume:** *They saw and heard Jesus praying!*
  - a. You establish an atmosphere by your praying: *Others are influenced/inspired to pray*
  - b. You establish teaching by your praying: *That's what I should pray for/how to pray about that*
  - c. People will hear and imitate your praying
    1. *Pioneering in Australia: Years later a few prayed with American accents! My praying influenced them*
4. **There needs to be publicity:** *You let people know that there will be prayer meetings*
  - a. You are not just advertising – you are letting people know what is important to you/your church!

### **III. PRAYER INSTRUCTION**

A. The disciples asked for instruction in prayer

1. *Luke 11:1 Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, that one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples."*
  - a. This was a normal pattern of teaching/discipleship: *as John also taught his disciples."*
  - b. Jesus didn't reject this idea: Don't be stupid – just learn by doing it!
    1. He gave practical instruction on how to pray

B. Some ways we can do this:

1. With new converts you can invite them to pray with you
  - a. *Is there something in your life that is a problem or a need? This is how you pray about that...*
2. You can give practical instruction
  - a. Prayer is a conversation with God: *People tell me their problems/how it makes them feel..*
    1. *I say if you said that to God – it would be a prayer!*
  - b. You can give the possibilities of prayer: *God can help you! God can change things!*
3. You can give some practical areas of prayer
  - a. **Worship:** *Our father/hallowed by your name...*
  - b. **Surrender:** *Your kingdom come...*
  - c. **Provision:** *Give us daily bread...*
  - d. **Forgiveness:** *Forgive me as I forgive others...*
  - e. **Deliverance:** *Deliver us from the evil one...*

C. Establishing prayer in new converts or new churches is all about the future

1. In future prayer meetings – answers will be released/hearts will be changed/destinies will be released
  - a. Acts 2: In a prayer meeting the Holy Spirit fell b. Acts 13: in a prayer meeting men were called