

MINISTRY PRAYER TEAM TRAINING

OUR TEAM PURPOSES

1. **To offer prayer** at altar calls that is both (a) safe and (b) helpful
2. **To aid** in (a) repentance, (b) salvation, (c) healing, (d) deliverance, (e) and discipleship
3. **To love** in the name of Jesus, those people seeking personal ministry

EXPECTATIONS OF TEAM MEMBERS - LOVE

1. **Available** (Isaiah 6:8 - "Here am I. Send me!")
 - Normally arrives early and stays late
 - Desires to seek out newcomers
 - Or desires to seek out a person the Holy Spirit points out
2. **Knowledgeable** (Prov. 14:18 - "... the prudent are crowned with knowledge.")
 - Generally understands the vision, values, and ministry of our church
 - How to lead someone to Christ
 - Understanding of forgiveness and reconciliation of relationships
 - Prayer for wisdom and guidance
 - Wisdom about repenting of sexual sin
 - Helping a fallen or backslidden Christian
 - Prayer for the infilling of the Holy Spirit
 - Dealing with demons
 - Knows the various small groups presently going on to refer people to
 - Knows the various brochures available to give a person
 - Able to refer the person to various gifted persons
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3. **Exceed Expectations** (Matt. 5:41 - the extra mile)
 - example: Follow up with a phone call or note in the mail
 - example: Invite them to a small group
4. **Sensitive** (John 15:12 - "Love each other as I have loved you.")
 - Use wisdom--connect on a human level by introducing yourself
 - Remember they may be feeling fearful or nervous
 - Try not to speak above the language of the listener
 - Be sensitive about how loud to pray or when to pray out loud in tongues
 - Be very careful about when and where to touch the person.

5. Trained (2 Tim. 2:2b "...entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others.")

- Regularly read your Bible
- Read helpful ministry books
- Relate with and learn from other Team members
- Attend helpful seminars and training events

6. Disciplined or Committed (Titus 2:11-12 "For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say 'no' to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age.")

- Steadfastness
- Regular devotions
- Gentleness
- Not a gossip
- Expectant faith
- Purity
- Wholesome Living
- Good deeds

REQUIREMENTS TO SERVE - LOVE

- Born-again believer in regular attendance at Providence V.C.F. and in agreement with our doctrine, vision, and values.
- Willing to receive oversight from the Leader of the Ministry Team
- Participated in the Training Workshops and is Willing to attend the occasional Ministry Team meetings.
- If appropriate, willing to be an "intern." Most people begin in HomeGroups.
- Known and recommended by the pastor or one of the elders.

Note on Friends: Friends may pray with each another, whether or not they are on members of the ministry team.