

the GIFT

a life in the Spirit course Prayer Ministry Guidelines

FOLLOWING THE SESSION ENCOUNTERING GOD'S SPIRIT (PART A) BY DAVID PAYNE THERE NEEDS TO BE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL GUESTS TO RECEIVE PRAYER MINISTRY, THIS IS VITAL TO THE COURSE.

TRAINING SESSION FOR PRAYER MINISTRY

All group leaders should meet together to go through the short section on the leaders film clip online, and work through these guidelines step by step. If people are familiar to prayer ministry it is always good to be reminded of the guidelines.

During this training session every leader needs to have received prayer ministry themselves to give them the courage to pray for others.

The book by Charles Whitehead, 'Towards a fuller Life in the Holy Spirit' is a very good explanation of the spiritual gifts particularly some of those that many would not be so familiar with such as tongues and prophesy. We would highly recommend the small group leaders read this book if at all possible to help them give explanation of these areas or refer others to the chapters.

HOW PRAYER MINISTRY HAPPENS ON THE GIFT

WE ARE ALL CALLED TO PRAY for each other and we would recommend this is done in the small groups; people are most relaxed with those they have journeyed with.

DON'T PANIC! Remember it is God who is in control not you, so relax and let Him lead the way.

INVITE EVERYONE to have prayer but don't insist – encourage people to step out in faith.

ASK PEOPLE IN THE GROUP to pray quietly for the person as they are being prayed for.

SIT THE PERSON FOR PRAYER comfortably then one leader either side sits beside the person and the two of you lay hands on a shoulder. Ask the person beforehand if they are happy for a gentle laying-on of hands.

ASK THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT to come and renew and refresh the person. Ask the Holy Spirit for a re-ignition of the grace of their baptism and confirmation if they have had both of these sacraments.

IF SOMEONE HASN'T BEEN BAPTISED pray for a release of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

SAY COME HOLY SPIRIT – it's simple!

WAIT IN SILENCE to give the opportunity for the Spirit to lead the way and the person to encounter Him in their heart.

DON'T TALK TOO MUCH it can be distracting, allow God to speak.

KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN you need to watch what is happening and see what the Spirit is doing.

TEARS CAN COME – this can be a good thing, cleansing and healing, so don't try and stop this happening but have tissues ready in case.

BE GENTLE AND WATCH, eyes open, what the Lord is doing in the person.

INVITE THEM TO RECEIVE ALL THE GIFTS God has for them. If they want to receive the gift of tongues as a new prayer tool encourage them to speak out and follow your lead if you have the gift.

THE AGE OLD PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT is a great way to finish - insert the person's name in.

Come Holy Spirit fill the heart of, enkindle in the power of your love. Send forth your Spirit and letbe recreated, so that you will renew the face of the earth.

TRUST that even with no visual evidence God is working and the Spirit will bring peace and power to that person.

INVITING A SMALL TEAM of local people who are familiar with praying for people to help maybe possible, but we would highly recommend you give it a go if you haven't done this before as God so often uses us when we least expect it and we feel at our most vulnerable.

PLEASE NOTE * Remember at the end of prayer ministry gather people together to show the short Part B section of the Encountering God's Spirit talk.