

## **Vision & Values: Extraordinary Prayer Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> 2009.**

### **Encountering God in prayer.**

**1.The Early Church:** Prayer was a priority – Acts 1:14; 2:42; 6:4.

Prayer was a regular practice – Acts 3:1; 10:9.

Prayer was a first response in a crisis – 4:23-30; 12:5; 16:25.

They prayed for others with laying on of hands – 6:6; 8:17; 13:3; 19:6.

They prayed alongside worship and fasting – Acts 13:1-3.

### **2.The Practice of Prayer: Types of Prayer (c.f. Lord's Prayer).**

Devotional, adoration.

Biblical Meditation; listening prayer.

Personal Petitions.

Intercessory prayer.

(We have courses and CD teaching on much of this)

### **3. Keys to Effective Prayer:**

1. Revelation: from Holy Spirit (Rom.8:26; Eph. 6:18)
2. Faith: Mark 11:24
3. Agreement: with God's word (Logos and rhema) and one another
4. Desire: Mark 11:24 (KJV) and boldness (Luke 11:5-13).
5. Forgiving heart: Mark 11:25
6. Submission to God's purposes; right motives (James 4:3).
7. Perseverance: (Luke 18:1)

**Prayer: motivated by grace, not by guilt.**