

January 9th 2011 – 7 Levels of Church: Prayer

Introduction:

Prayer must be the foundation for everything in our lives. It is the level from which everything else is built upon. We know that in our heads but it does not always lead us to action. Things become much simpler in prayer and in his presence.

Power of Prayer:

Genesis 18:20-33 – Abraham interceding for Sodom

Shows part of the relationship we should have with God. Not always to do with dictatorship, he is into partnership.

We have more of a say of what goes on here on earth than maybe we are led to believe. How we do this is through prayer.

What should we be praying for?

1. Pray for ourselves

We need to be praying for our own blessing. This is not selfish. We see David crying out for his own needs throughout Psalms. The reason we should be pray for our own blessing is so that his goodness will be shown on the earth. It opens the doors for the nations to come in. Read Psalms 67

2. Pray for the lost

We are so desperate for our friends and family to come into the

Kingdom however we are not always great at being persistent in prayer. Maybe that is key for seeing progress happening. The attitude God wants to see emerge is “I am not going to give up praying until I see change!”. Can you commit to praying for one person this year? One at a time makes it easier to see that this nation and world can be transformed.

3. Pray for the nation.

We need to be praying for the nation in our secret place but also with other believers. Every great move of God can be connected back to someone that was on their face, on their knees crying for God to visit and inhabit the land, we can try out best but without prayer being the foundation, we will not see a genuine revival or awakening in this nation.

Let Prayer be the foundation for your life and for this church.

CHURCH ALIVE

To encounter God and to invite others into an encounter