

**ACCESS CLASS: SESSION ONE
THE JOURNEY TO BELONG**

**Session 1
Prayer Initiators and Passionate People**

In the ACCESS classes, we emphasize what we believe to be critically important aspects of being part of the most powerful network in the Universe, namely the Kingdom of God.

In ACCESS, we will look at 12 building blocks for the Kingdom network to work most effectively in your life. These 12 building blocks are discussed under the following headings:

1. Prayer Initiators
2. Passionate People
3. Spirit Empowered
4. Worship Oriented
5. Evangelistically Motivated
6. Fully Participating
7. Growing Holistically
8. Bible Centered
9. Missions Engaged
10. Purposeful Stewards
11. Relationally Based
12. Accountable Leadership

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PRAYER INITIATORS

- Every believer must be active in fervent, continual and heartfelt prayer on an individual, family and corporate (church) level.

What is Prayer?

- A reverent petition made to God, a god, or another object of worship.
- An act of communion with God, a god, or another object of worship, such as in devotion, confession, praise, or thanksgiving

Prayer is Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving and Supplication; to make a humble, earnest petition

Ten Basic Prayer Requirements

1. _____
 - a. Come like a little child. You don't need to be an expert. Just show up and talk!
2. _____
 - a. Be transparent and loving in your approach to God.
3. _____
 - a. Knowing who you are in relationship to God and acting accordingly.
 - b. Know who you are in relationship to the adversary and act accordingly
4. _____
 - a. God knows everything. Confess sins and weaknesses. Be real (David's psalms)
5. _____
 - a. Don't need to use many words. (Example: the Lord's prayer)
6. _____
 - a. Put your heart into it, not just your head. (Examples: Elijah and David's psalms)
7. _____
 - a. Pray without ceasing (I Thess. 5:17)
8. _____
 - a. Being open and attentive to what the Lord's responses are to your questions and petitions

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9. _____
a. Not every thing you say in prayer and hear in prayer should be shared beyond the prayer closet. Discernment is important.
10. _____
a. Be consistent. Make it a lifestyle, not just an occasion.

Different Kinds of Prayer

James 5:13-18

1. _____ (13-16)
 - Is any of you in trouble? HE should pray
 - Emphasis on YOU, personal prayer

2. _____
 - Any sick? HE should call for the elders
 - Again, personal responsibility to let elders know of your need for prayer.

3. _____
 - Pray for each other that you may be healed
 - Notice that we must confess our sins
 - *Isaiah 59:2: If we regard iniquity in our heart . . .*
 - *Il Cron. 7:14: If my people . . . turn from their wicked ways*

4. _____
 - The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much
 - Elijah's passionate prayer
 - Effectual: *effective, brings about results*
 - Fervent: *having or showing great intensity of spirit, hot, burning, glowing to boil, passionate*

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PASSIONATE PEOPLE

- Every believer embracing and living life to the fullest

- Jesus came to the church at Ephesus (Rev. 2:1-7) and rebuked them for forsaking their first love

- They lost their passion for the Lord
- They lost their passion for the lost
- We must constantly make sure that we don't neglect our relationship with the Lord and become uncaring towards those we come in contact with
- When we are passionately in love with the Lord and we love our neighbors as ourselves, an abundance opens up within us, which becomes the fountainhead for a prosperity of the spirit, mind and body of the believer

Passion: *Force that creates new life –we are all here because of it!*

Definition: Compelling emotion; strong, amorous feeling, love; a strong fondness, enthusiasm or desire for something; suffering of Christ subsequent to last supper

Observation: What you fill your senses with, will become your passion

Five Things Passionate People Do

John 12:1-8

Passionate People _____ (v. 3)

Passionate People _____ (vv. 4-5)

Passionate People _____ (v. 3)

Passionate People _____ (v. 7)

Passionate People _____

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Things To Do

- Read about Daniel's dedication to prayer in Daniel 6
- Make a list of at least ten things to talk to God about
- Stick a note in your wallet/check book, on your steering wheel, mirror or another place to remind you to pray
- Set a time and place to spend at least ten minutes daily to pray. Increase that time as you discover the benefits of prayer.
- Talk to God today while sitting in traffic or standing in line at the store or anywhere else that allows you an extra moment
- Make a list of things that take away from your focus on God. Declare in your heart and with your mouth that nothing will cause you to lose your first love passion for God.
- Make a list of ten people you should pray for and reach out to in the next week.
- Pray for your pastor and leadership team. Pray for the finances and growth of the Church at South Las Vegas
- Commit to show up for at least one corporate prayer meeting per week.
- Commit to worship God with total abandon and with a holy passion