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PRAYER AT
THE HEART



SALTY

Series 1 | Introduction
Weeks 1 - 4



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INTRODUCTION

Jesus called us to be salt and light (Mt. 5:13-16). Light exposes, it penetrates. Salt doesn't work until it makes contact. Its power is not in penetration but integration.

Ancient cultures were organized tribally. Our culture is a collage of professional tribes, each with their language, colleges and training institutions, rank and file, certifications and specialties. Our mission of love and grace, then and now, is most effective, from the inside-out.

You are called to, by Jesus, to be salt and light.

The purpose of a SALTY GROUP is simply to meet and pray. Prayer builds an invisible altar. It invites God. In prayer, you host God in the marketplace, "*Where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them*" (Mt. 18:20). Prayer, that invokes God's name in a worshipful way, invites His presence. You are a temple, for His glory, lively stones fitted together (1 Peter 2:5).

Is it possible that God has called you to your workplace, for the purpose of hosting Him in that place?

A SALTY GROUP is a workplace triad or quad of Christians, praying:

- S Supplicating**, prayer support group, interceding for one another and their workplace peers, sincerely praying to be sweet incense in the marketplace.
- A Asking** God for a spiritual awakening at their workplace, for an anointing to carry the presence of God at work, to be aware of the spiritual environment of their workplace, to hold one another gently accountable to be a godly witness.
- L Loving** others, praying for grace to live a Christ-like life, to be a light in what might be a dark place,
- T Truthing**, telling the truth, speaking the truth in love, talk (speech) be seasoned with salt, tempered Christians, all the while,
- Y Yielding** to the Holy Spirit, yearning for a Great Awakening, the day God came to work with them, and the workplace becomes alive with His Presence – SALTY!

Recommendation for Meetings: Once a week for thirty minutes.

1. Pray the salty guide.
2. The group typically meets off the radar screen, stealth, not calling attention to itself.
3. The goal is not a large group, but a proliferation of small triads and quads, each striving to be saltier salt, and brighter lights.

PRAYER SUGGESTIONS

- Focus your prayers for a few.
- God is already on the move.
- Pray along with what God is already doing.
- Find joy in working with Him.
- Pray your way into their story.
- Pray God's word, the promises.
- Pray God's purpose.



***Persistent, life-giving prayer for others...
leads to opportunities to care, displaying God's love...
that opens the way to share the gospel, declaring God's love.***

SUGGESTED SALTY GROUP FORMAT

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Hi and How are you - Settling in

3-5 minutes

READ and REFLECT on the devotion

7-10 minutes

INTERCEDE in behalf of your workplace

7-10 minutes

PRACTICE prayer ideas of the week

3-5 minutes

PRAY for one another using

5 minutes

the SALTY acronym as a guide



Devotions adapted from 2010 Seek God for the City Prayer Guide. Special thanks to Steve Hawthorne and Waymakers for inclusion and adaptation.

Seek God for the Light of the Gospel to Shine

SERIES 1: WEEK 1

The people who walk in darkness will see a great light. Those who live in a dark land, the light will shine on them (Isaiah 9:2).

READ DEVOTIONAL

We know what it's like to live in the darkness of our heart – stumbling over our own fears, as if it were always night. Lord of light, we plead for our friends who shuffle along through their days, groping with uncertainty, as if they were blind. They have every good intention, but they cannot find their way. And many have given up, paralyzed in despair. Just as You did for us, bring light from heaven upon them. There is no way we can throw on a switch for them. There is no candle we can light. Lift the veil and come like the sun upon them.

Because of the tender mercy of our God, with which the Sunrise from on high will visit us, to shine upon those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death (Luke 1:78-79).

You have promised to come like dawn – slow and steady, and ever brightening. When You came, Lord Jesus, You came like a sunrise, shedding life-giving light on those who were smothered under the pall of spiritual darkness. Many could suddenly see and began to seek You. We ask for such an increase of light in our city. As the Scriptures foretell, we ask You to bring Your visitation upon our entire community like a different kind of dawn, coming not from the east, but from above, revealing the tender power of God's love to all.

Pray:

- For Christ to shine His light into the darkened hearts of people you know.
- For God to visit your community, revealing His mercy to many.
- For God to begin to show up at work in obvious and clearly supernatural ways.

INTERCEDE

Seek God on Behalf of the Business Place

But remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you the ability to produce wealth (Deuteronomy 8:18, NIV).

Ask God to bless those who base business practices in righteousness. Pray that God will prosper those who pursue their business as mission for God's kingdom. Pray for the gospel to spread in the marketplace; for righteous managers and executives; for creative, godly entrepreneurs. Pray that God would frustrate plans which escalate injustice and shake the dominion of mammon and greed.

PRACTICE WALK

Today, casually stroll through the area where you work. Stay close to your workstation and pray as you move about for those who work around you, for the atmosphere in which you work. Invite God to show up! Pray that Christ to be followed and for His name to be honored.

PRAYER QUOTE

Prayer is the atmosphere of revelation, in the strict and central sense of that word. It is the climate in which God's manifestation bursts open into inspiration.

P. T. Forsyth,
The Soul of Prayer

Seek God for His Forgiveness and Joy to Bring Revival

SERIES 1: WEEK 2

You forgave the iniquity of Your people; You covered all their sins. Selah...Restore us, O God of our salvation... Will You not Yourself revive us again, that Your people may rejoice in You? (Psalm 85: 2, 4, 6).

READ DEVOTIONAL

Father, you have loved each one of us as a son or daughter. We also stand before You together collectively, as Your people. We are ashamed to confess that we have returned repeatedly to the very sins You have already washed away. We humbly seek Your forgiveness again. But we seek more than just another round of forgiveness. Do more than clear our record from sin. Do not merely restore us. Transform us by Your powerful love. Sustain us with increasing love for You, that we may live in joy.

The prodigal's father saw him and felt compassion. The son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight." But the father said to his servants, "Quickly bring out the best robe... let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and has come to life again." And they began to celebrate (Luke 15:20-24).

Father, your heart explodes in party-starting joy whenever a long lost loved one comes home. Why are we surprised? Whenever we turn toward You, we find that You've already been seeking us. What vigilant love! What extravagant gladness! Your joy makes coming home like coming back to life from death. Makes us jubilant so that many more in our city will find their way home to You.

Pray:

- God's love and joy to be revealed, resulting in many coming alive to God.
- Great movements of people to experience the reviving mercy of God.

INTERCEDE

Seek God on behalf of lost sons and daughters, and the grace we need to receive them.

Let our sons in their youth be as grown-up plants, and our daughters as corner pillars fashioned as for a palace...How blessed are the people whose God is the Lord! (Psalm 144:12, 15)

Workplace peers to radically commit their lives to Christ; to make wise choices; for older mentors; for solid friendships with their peers who are following Jesus; for open communication with parents; for God's intentions for their generation to come forth in fullest measure.

PRACTICE WALK

Last time, you took a casual prayerful stroll around the area where you work. This week venture out. Explore a larger area – a different floor. Meet and greet. Again, pray for a godly and kind atmosphere. Invite God to show up! Envision workplace peers following Christ.

PRAYER QUOTE

"A Christian can obtain deep feeling, by thinking on the object. God is not going to pour these things on you, without any effort on your own. You must cherish the slightest impressions. Take the Bible... Look at the world, look at your children, and your neighbors and see their condition while they remain in sin; and persevere in prayer ..."

Charles G. Finney

Seek God to Impart His Life-Giving Spirit

SERIES 1: WEEK 3

“Son of man, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord GOD, You know.”...“Behold, I will cause breath to enter you that you may come life.”...So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they came to life and stood on their feet...” I will put My Spirit within you and you will come to life” (Ezekiel 37:3, 5, 10, 14).

READ DEVOTIONAL

We come before You today on behalf of those who are physically alive but are spiritually dead. Breathe life into them, as You did at creation. Infuse them with Your Spirit. As Ezekiel did so long ago, we pray declaratively, saying, “Come to life! He will put His Spirit within you and you will come to life!”

Come upon us all, Spirit of God! Resuscitate those who have suffocated in their sin. Renew those who have wavered in their love for You. Surprise many who have not yet known You. Raise up great throngs of people throughout the earth to stand before You, filled with life and eager to serve.

Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live (John 5:25).

From the day you rose from the dead, those who are spiritually dead have been coming to life by the power of Your word. It’s time for many people in our town, even those at this place of work, to hear your voice and live. Only Your voice gives life. A whisper from you can wake my friends. A word can wake my church. A shout can raise people throughout the city. Lift Your voice, Son of God. Raise many to fullness of life. For dead churches in your city to be raised to life.

Pray:

- Dead churches in your city to be raised to life.
- Spiritually dead friends to hear the voice of the resurrected Son of God.

INTERCEDE

Seek God on Behalf of Marriages

Marriage should be honored by all (Hebrews 13:4, NIV).

Thank God for solid marriages that reflect His faithfulness and beauty. Pray especially for marriages that are strained to a breaking point or are failing, that God will bring both hope and help; that He will heal broken hearts and restore intimacy; for every marriage, that God will refresh and re-center homes in Christ.

PRACTICE WALK

Pray during the week, as you casually pass workplaces of peers, that they receive a special touch of God’s healing upon their marriages and families. Write a note to someone with a loved one going through a crisis.

PRAYER QUOTE

A dynamic praying church must be built from the inside out, employing... the secret closet, the family altar, small group praying and finally, the congregational setting.

Richard Burr

Seek God to Bring Life from His People to the World

SERIES 1: WEEK 4

So everything will live where the river goes...By the river on its bank...will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither and their fruit will not fail...and their fruit will be for food and their leaves for healing (Ezekiel 47:9, 12).

READ DEVOTIONAL

You are sending a life-giving river to the world. Your life is already streaming from Your throne, releasing reviving power to us, and then through us to many more. The river may only be ankle deep at this hour, but we anticipate days of grace when nothing will hold back your life from any place on earth. Unleash the river. Let it flow further than ever before. Remove whatever hinders your goodness. Flood the nations that have not yet known your boundless transforming power. Establish your people everywhere, as if they are feeding, healing trees amidst the nations.

Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water'" (John 7:37-38).

Make yourself known in our midst as you did in that day so long ago. Raise your voice again so that multitudes will hear. Call us to come to you. Satisfy our deepest yearnings. Fill us to overflowing, so that we become life-giving streams to many others. That those who are spiritually thirsty will hear the voice of Christ, calling them to Himself.

Pray:

- Those who are spiritually thirsty to hear the voice of Christ, calling them to Himself.
- Christians you know to become conduits of God's life to others.
- Churches to become sources of healing to what is broken in societies and cities.

INTERCEDE

Seek God on Behalf of Ministries

Finally, brothers, pray for us that the word of the Lord will spread rapidly and be glorified, just as it did also with you (2 Thessalonians 3:1).

That Christian ministries, churches, will be founded on God's truth, anointed by God's power and funded by God's people; for refreshed vision and encouragement upon the dedicated workers who labor in specialized service designed to increase the impact of local churches.

PRACTICE WALK

Today, retreat to the outside, to the front door or main employee entrance. Take a cup of coffee in hand or a soda – and for a moment, pray that the very atmosphere of this portal, this entry would be changed. Take a moment. What do most folks feel or sense when they enter this place – anticipation, excitement about the day? The possibility of changing lives? Dread? A sense they would rather be somewhere else? A godly joyful atmosphere where love is felt is healthy. Pray for an emotionally healthy workspace.

PRAYER QUOTE

No church [or ministry] can be said to be fulfilling its ministry to any degree if it is not laying hold of the power of God through prayer.

Ivan French

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