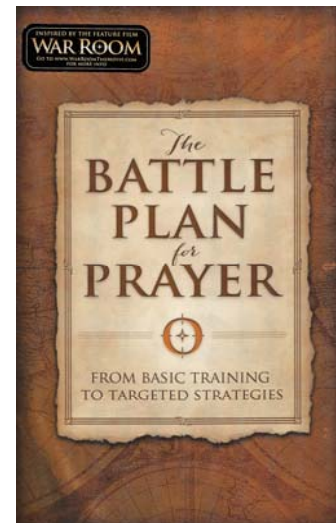


PRAYER BOOT CAMP

BASIC TRAINING FOR A LIFE OF PRAYER

“Lord,
teach us
to pray.”

Based Upon:



Developed by Claude V. King



Experiencing God

Read the following list of names, titles, and descriptions of God (from the *New International Version*). Underline those that describe God in ways you have personally experienced Him. Circle one or more where you can describe a time when you experienced God that way.

FATHER

a forgiving God
a fortress of salvation
a jealous and avenging God
a refuge for the needy in his distress
a refuge for the oppressed
a refuge for the poor
a shelter from the storm
a source of strength
a stronghold in times of trouble
an ever present help in trouble
Creator of heaven and earth
defender of widows
Father
father to the fatherless
God Almighty (El Shaddai)
God my Rock
God of all comfort
God of grace
God of hope
God of love and peace
God who avenges me
God who gives endurance and encouragement
he who comforts you
he who forms the hearts of all
Holy One
Judge of all the earth
Lord is my Banner
Lord my Rock

Lord who heals you
LORD who is there
Lord who makes you holy
LORD will Provide
my advocate
my Comforter in sorrow
my hiding place
One to be feared
Sovereign Lord
the gardener (husbandman)
the God who sees me
the one who sustains me
the potter
the spring of living water

JESUS

Alpha and Omega
apostle and high priest
author and perfecter of our faith
author of life
bread of life
bridegroom
chief cornerstone
Chief Shepherd
Christ Jesus my Lord
faithful and true witness
firstborn from among the dead
friend of tax collectors and “sinners”
great high priest
great light
head of the body, the church
head over every power and authority
heir of all things
image of the invisible God

Immanuel (God with us)
indescribable gift
Jesus Christ our Savior
judge of the living and the dead
KING OF KINGS
Lamb of God
light for revelation to the Gentiles
light of the world
LORD OF LORDS
Lord of the harvest
Master Messiah
my friend
my intercessor
one who makes men holy
one who speaks to the Father in our defense
our peace
our righteousness, holiness, and redemption
Physician
Prince of Peace
Savior of the world
sure foundation
Teacher
the good shepherd
the true vine
the truth
the way
true bread from heaven
Wonderful Counselor

HOLY SPIRIT

a deposit (earnest)
another counselor
Spirit of Christ
Spirit of counsel and of power
spirit of faith
spirit of grace and supplication
Spirit of holiness
spirit of judgment
spirit of justice
Spirit of truth
Spirit of wisdom and revelation
the gift
the promised Holy Spirit
the same gift
Voice of the Lord

Penetrating Lostness Through New Groups



Groups Matter:

- Acts 2:42-47
- Hebrews 10:24-25

Penetrate Lostness

1. Pray to know God's heart for the lost.
2. Put names and faces on lostness in your Jerusalem... and to the ends of the earth.
3. Pray for laborers. (Matthew 9:35-38)
4. Commission and equip teams (2 or more people) to start new groups.
5. Pray for God to open your eyes to see where He is working and join Him. (John 4:35)
6. Pray for open doors. (Colossians 4:2-6)
7. Invite people to listen to God, learn from Him, and come to Christ. (John 6:45)
8. Tell your own story of what good things Christ has done for you. (Mark 5:18-20)

Illustrations

[See “Penetrating Lostness” videos on my video blog at: blog.lifeway.com/GrowingDisciples/]

- S.W.A.T. – Spiritual Weapons and Tactics Team (*Concentric Circles of Concern*, 117-120)
- Aquila and Priscilla (Acts 18, 1 Cor. 16:19, Romans 16:3): Ephesus & Rome
- First French Speaking Baptist Church, Brooklyn, New York

Consider New Groups For:

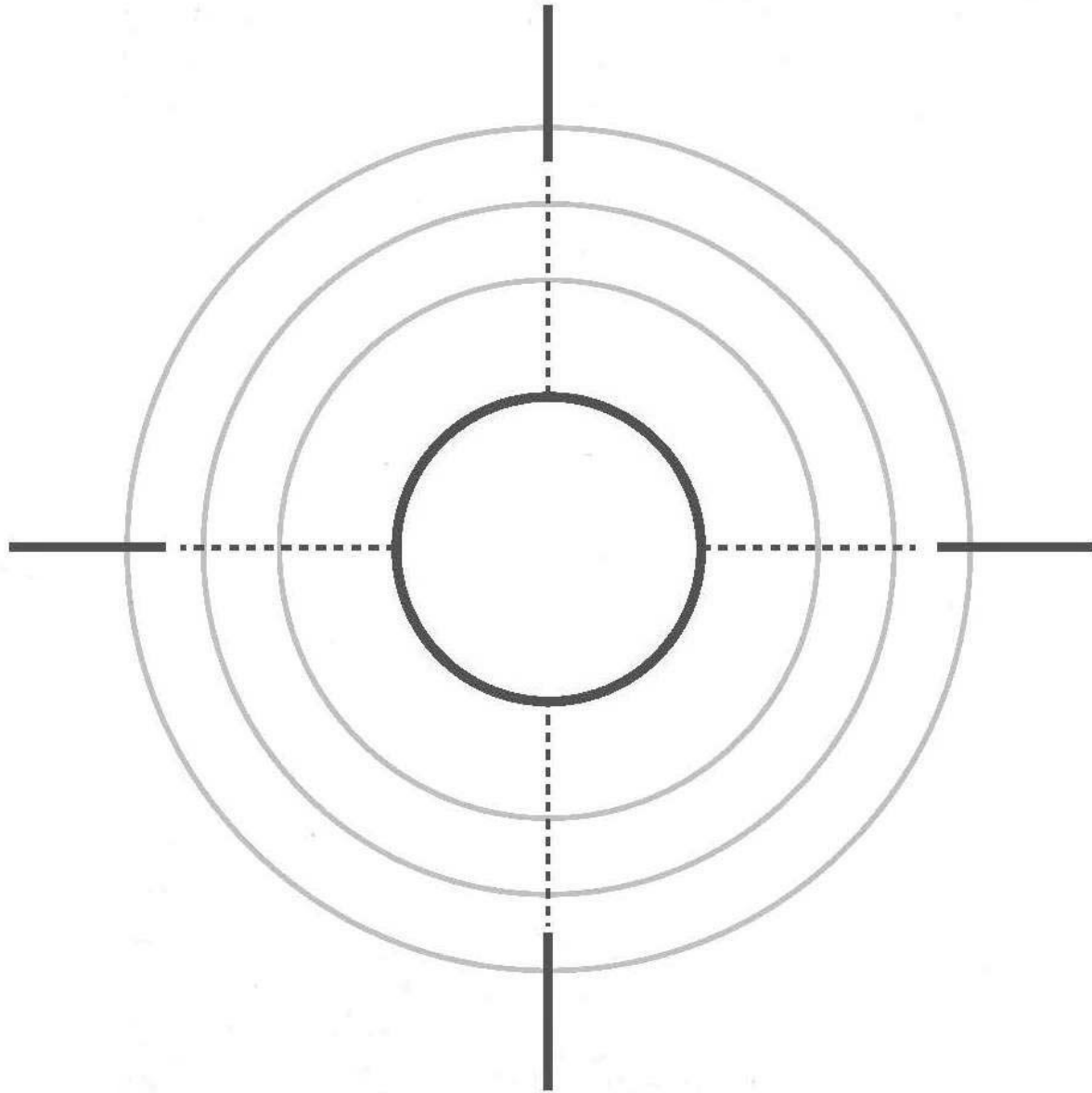
1. Age Groups: Who and where are they?
2. Sunday Workers
3. Socio-economic groups
4. Language Groups/Ethnic/Cultural (www.peoplegroups.info)
5. Housing Types (e.g. apartments, trailer parks, condos)
6. Professions
7. Relationships (coworkers, relatives, neighbors)
8. Geographic Areas (other towns, villages, neglected regions)
9. Others: _____

Possible Resources for New Groups

- *Bible Studies for Life* (ongoing or short-term)
- *Explore the Bible* (ongoing)
- *The Gospel Project* (ongoing or short-term)
- *MasterWork: Essential Messages from God's Servants*
- *YOU: Connect, Grow, Serve, Go*
- *Gripped by the Greatness of God* by James MacDonald

Order at www.lifeway.com, 1-800-458-2772, or purchase at your LifeWay Christian Store.

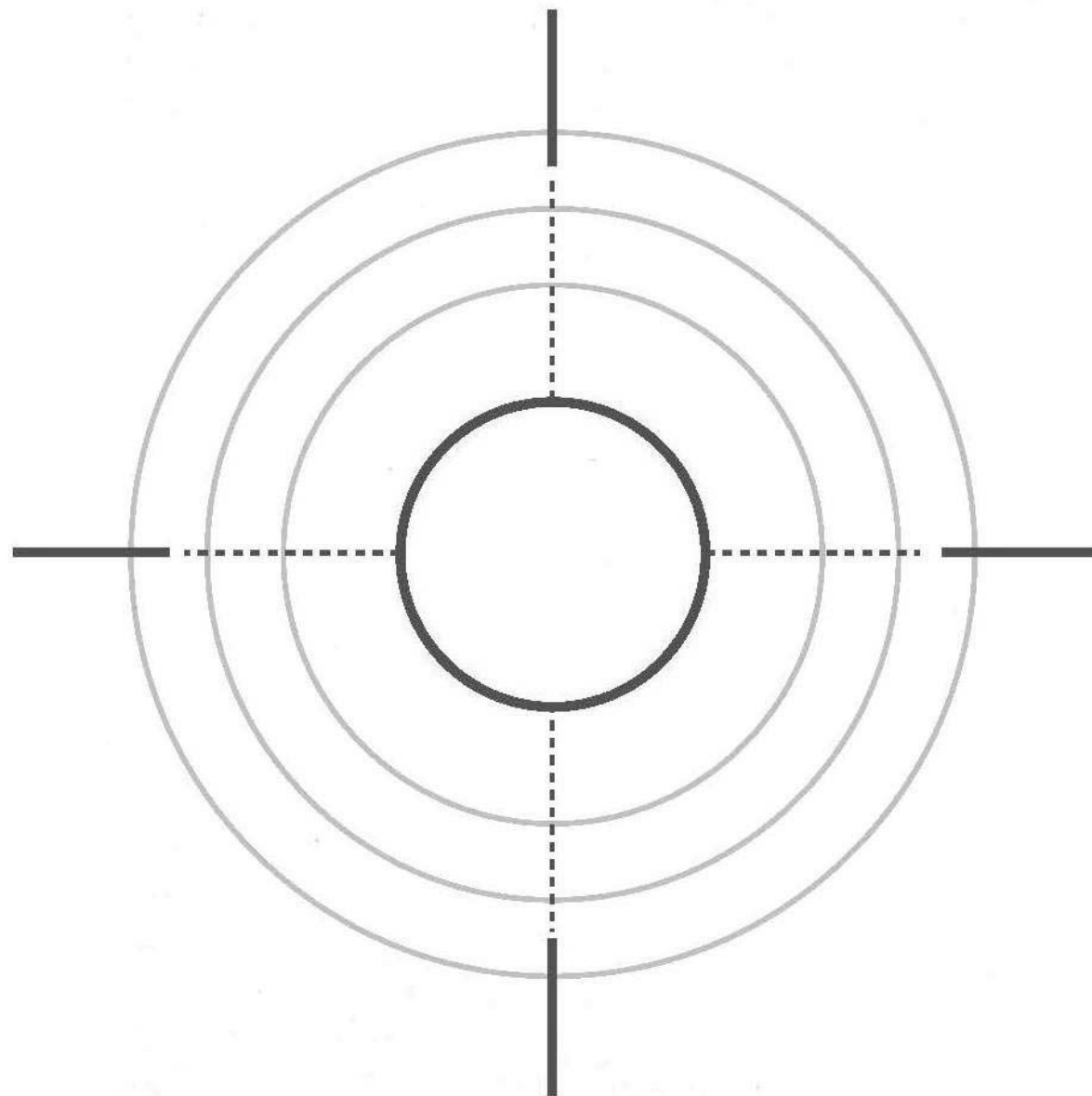
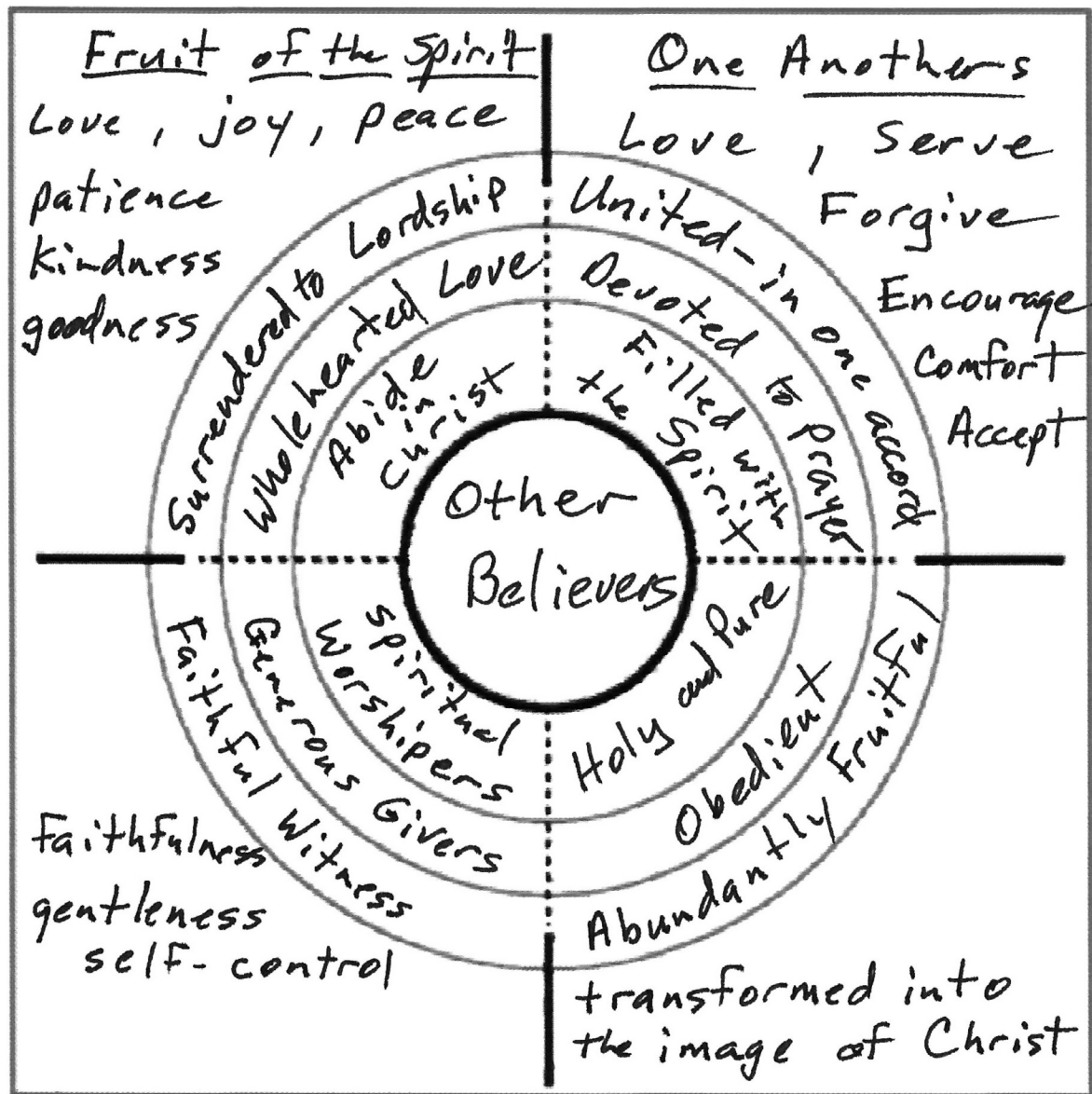
Note: For more helps on new groups or to join the movement, go to: www.groupsmatter.com



Getting Acquainted with Your Squad

1. Share your name.
2. Who are the people in your immediate family? (those who live with you)
3. What do you spend most of your time doing on a typical weekday?
4. What (or who) brought you to the community where you live?

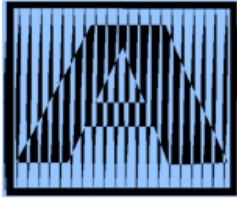
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Adoration

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Experiencing God

John 17:3

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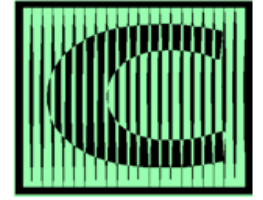


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Confession

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Surrender: "Your Kingdom come.
Your will be done."



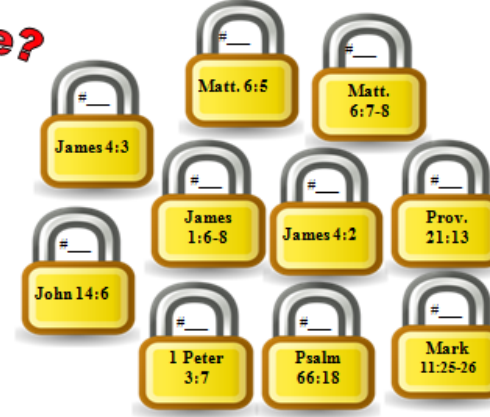
Medieval Homage Ceremony
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How's your prayer life?



Watch and Pray

Matthew 26:41; Luke 21:36



- LOCKS**
(BP: pp. 67-73)
1. No relationship to Jesus
 2. Unrepentant heart
 3. Praying for show
 4. Repetitive, empty words
 5. Prayers not prayed
 6. Lustful heart
 7. Mistreating your spouse
 8. Ignoring the poor
 9. Bitterness/unforgiveness
 10. Faithless unbelieving heart

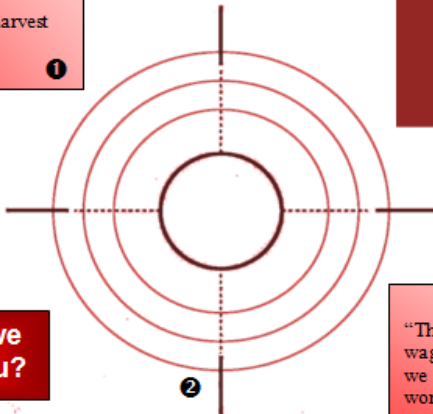


- CONFESSING TRUTH**
Litany Refrain
- O Lord,
ALL your promises
are faithful and true!

- KEYS & PROMISES**
(BP: pp. 74-79)
1. Persistently asking, seeking, knocking
 2. In faith
 3. In secret
 4. According to God's will
 5. In Jesus' name
 6. In agreement with other believers
 7. While fasting
 8. From an obedient life
 9. While abiding in Christ and His Word
 10. While delighting in the Lord

Count Your Blessings
Count your many blessings,
name them one by one,
And it will surprise you
what the Lord has done.
—Johnson Oatman, Jr.

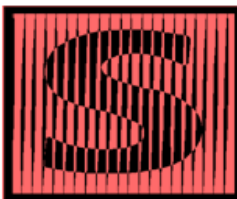
- PRAYER TARGETS**
(BP: pp. 232-241)
1. Your wife
 2. Your husband
 3. Your children
 4. Your pastor or minister
 5. Governmental authorities
 6. Those who don't know Christ
 7. Other believers
 8. Laborers in the harvest
 9. Your city



How may we pray for you?



Weapons of Our Warfare
"Though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds."
—2 Corinthians 10:3-4, NIV

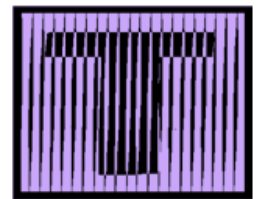


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Supplication

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Thanksgiving



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