

ing encourages people more than to hear examples of answered prayer.

Prepared to pray Together. In light of the above it is easy to see that Prayer Preparation brings us together and puts us in “one accord” before going to our Prayer Groups. We understand that it is okay not to pray out loud. We learn that silence is okay. It is okay not to share or express any needs. We understand that “agreeing silently” is a valid form of prayer. Prayer Preparation prepares us to pray together and be open to experimenting together in prayer laboratories.



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Daily Prayer Preparation Helps.

While not required, Prayer Preparation, when offered daily, acts as a bridge between Free Time and the Prayer Group. It encourages campers to open their minds and hearts to expecting and recognizing God’s action in their lives.



This encourages them to:

- State their needs.
- Release their needs.
- Speak their needs simply to God and to one another.
- Listen to God
- Trust God.
- Experiment in praying together.



Who hath seen the wind?
Neither you nor I.
But when the trees bow down their heads,
The wind is passing by

Who hath seen God?
Neither you nor I.
But when men bow down their heads,
Then God is passing by.

(Glenn Clark)



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**WHY IS PRE-PRAYER
IN CFO IMPORTANT?**

**WE PREPARE
FOR
PRAYER!**

**PRAYER IS THE
HEART OF CFO**



Aren't you glad you aren't like everybody else? What a boring world this would be if

we were carbon copies of each other and looked and acted like each other. Because we are all different it stands to reason that prayer will be different for each of us.

Some will be uncomfortable spending more than a few minutes in prayer. Meditators and intercessors may spend hours in prayer. Some listen and hear God speak. Some will be talkers who never take time to listen because silence makes them nervous.



This variety of people makes up a CFO Prayer Group. Enabling meaningful times of prayer for each member of the prayer group is the

purpose of Prayer Preparation. The first rule for a prayer group leader is to realize that everyone is not on the same page. Make no assumptions.

Prayer Preparation



The greatest gift you can give campers is to encourage them to engage in prayer, to go to their Prayer Groups and learn how to pray and how to pray together, including the advantages of praying together in one accord. The first goal is to raise expectations and anticipation. Some things that can be covered in Prayer Preparation are:

Prayer Laboratories. Glenn Clark called the prayer times Prayer Laboratories. There is no one "correct" way to pray so we get to experiment creatively and help each other discover ways to pray that fit our individual personalities.

In High School a friend and I decided to conduct a little experiment. We were going to create hydrogen gas. We set everything up and our teacher okayed it.



Hiding for protection we lit the gas. After the explosion we found pieces of our experiment scattered all over the place! We laughed. It was fun. The moral of the story is that not all experiments will be successful, but they will be fun. Glenn encouraged campers to experiment with prayer.

Points of Contact. Most of us need help in releasing our faith. A point of



contact that speaks to us can help us do this. A prayer group helps us explore this area. For example, Glenn tells of one woman who couldn't let go of her physical afflictions. There was a picture of Jesus in the room and he had the woman imagine she was like the woman with the issue of blood. She knew that if she could touch the hem of His garment she would be healed. Glenn had the lady "see" herself as the woman with the issue of blood and to reach out and touch the hem of Jesus' garment in the picture. The woman did, and she was healed.

Honesty in Safety. No one wants to let anyone inside their defenses. We've been hurt too many times, betrayed too many times, and laughed at too many times. Letting others see who we really are, see inside our defenses, is scary. Prayer Preparation is a time to encourage campers to experiment with prayer, in perfect safety --- to let the light and love of



of God reveal and heal any area of life not in harmony with Jesus' teachings.

This is the time to present the principles of prayer -- - relinquishment, surrender, forgiveness, expectancy, trust, and agreement. Noth-