



10 DAYS
OF
PRAYER
AND FASTING
2012

Happy New Year

As a church we are starting 2012 with 10 days of prayer and fasting.

Prayer and fasting in January for the year is much like a devotional time in the morning to establish the will of God for your day. The 10 days is an opportunity to set the course for the year.

We're encouraging everyone to do four things:

1 Fast

We are asking church members to consider going on the Daniel Fast (based on the first few chapters of Daniel).

Daniel 1:12 *"Please test your servants for ten days, and let them give us vegetables to eat and water to drink."*

Daniel 10:3 KJV *"I ate no pleasant food, no meat or wine came into my mouth."*

(Daniel fast basic guide: Eat no meat, no fine food and no bread. Drink water and juice. Eat fruit and vegetables.)

2 Pray for an hour a day for the 10 days

Set aside an hour a day for your personal devotional time.

3 Join together as a church to pray

We are asking church members to attend as many evening prayer meetings as possible.

When: Tuesday 3rd - Thursday 12th January

Evening prayer meetings at Windsor Holy Trinity Church as follows:

Tues 3rd Jan	19.45 - 21.30	For KCI Cell Leaders & Cell Members
Thur 5th Jan	19.45 - 21.30	Senior leaders prayer meeting
Fri 6th Jan	19.45 - 21.30	Prayer Meeting open to all
Sat 7th Jan	17.30 - 19.00	Prayer Meeting open to all
Sun 8th Jan	17.30 - 19.00	Prayer Service open to all
Mon 9th Jan	19.45 - 21.30	Prayer Meeting open to all
Tues 10th Jan	19.45 - 21.30	Prayer Meeting open to all
Wed 11th Jan	19.45 - 21.30	Prayer Meeting open to all
Thur 12th Jan	19.45 - 21.30	Vision Night Meeting open to all

4 Areas of prayer during the 10 days

As well as praying on a specific theme each day, please pray for the following areas over the 10 days.

1. Personal Prayer

- Fresh surrender of your life to God
- Ask for new cleansing and infilling of the Holy Spirit

2. Prayer for the church

- Members of the church
- Pastor Wes and the leaders
- Unity in the church
- Spirit of God at work in the church (salvations, healings etc)
- Growth of the church
- Finances of the church

3. Prayer for family members and friends

- that the kingdom of God would come in every area of their lives

4. Prayer for the nation and nations

- UK
- SA
- Sri Lanka
- Burkina Faso
- Colombia
- Israel
- The nations

DAY ONE

Called to multiply shepherds

Text

Matthew 9:36:38 *“When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. 38 Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”*

Reflection

People everywhere need to know the love of Jesus. Great multitudes of people are so in need of help, hope and healing. There is a big potential harvest of people for the kingdom of God but not enough people to bring in the harvest. That’s why there has to be a great growth in the number of people who will work hard to reach out to people all around who are in such great need.

Application

Pray for a great increase in the number of workers/ cell leaders in the church. Pray that the Lord will put a greater compassion for people in your own heart. Pray that each day God will give you ‘divine appointments’ when you can show kindness to people and pray with them. Be prepared to be a good shepherd yourself.

DAY TWO

Called to lead the people of God

Text

Acts 20:28 *“Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.”*

Reflection

Just as children need the protection of parents, so too a church needs the protection of pastors who ‘watch’ over ‘all the flock.’ The apostles warned leaders and church communities of the dangers of wrong teachings and self serving people who can cause great damage. Pastors need to be spiritually alert at all times and strong in leadership to ‘cover’ the people of God.

Application

Pray daily for your pastors and cell leaders who have to give an account to God for your spiritual state. Pray that God will give them wisdom and strengthen and provide all they need for life and effective ministry.

DAY THREE

Called to be strong

Text

Ephesians 6:10 *“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.”*

Reflection

In order to have a strong 2012, we need to be strong in the Lord. How do we build strong personal lives and strong families? How do we build a strong church? How do we build strong careers and businesses? The answer to these questions is not to rely on our own strength and effort but in the strength of an Almighty God. Firstly, to be strong in the Lord - to have a strong relationship with Him, strong in prayer and strong in reading and understanding His word. Secondly, we are to be strong in His mighty power. Even if we feel weak, we can be empowered by God.

Application

In your prayer time, present yourself before God. Tell Him about the challenges and circumstances that you face in the year ahead. Share your hopes and dreams. In your heart give these burdens over to Him and by faith accept His grace and peace. Ask to be filled by His spirit and supernatural strength and mighty power. In your times of weakness, expect God to move in strength on your behalf.

DAY FOUR

Called to build the house of God

Text

Ezra 1:5 *“Then the family heads of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests and Levites—everyone whose heart God had moved—prepared to go up and build the house of the LORD in Jerusalem.”*

Reflection

Whole families took responsibility for building the house of the Lord. This year, we must stand together as families and take responsibility to see the church built and established. In Ezra, they didn't build out of a sense of duty or obligation or any kind of religious observance but they built because their hearts were moved. Our motivation for our work in the church must be birthed from an encounter with God. When we are moved by God, we have all the passion, the motivation and the conviction that we need.

Application

Family heads, in your prayer time take responsibility to lead your family like the family heads of Judah and Benjamin. Determine to set the correct example. We should prioritise building the house of the Lord over our own lives and homes. Ask yourself, ‘do I see myself as someone who is responsible for building King’s Church International?’ Think about your motivation - is it out of obligation or is it because your heart has been moved? Ask the Lord to soften your heart and every day keep open to the Holy Spirit.

DAY FIVE

Called to consecration

Text

Joshua 3:5 *“Joshua told the people, “Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do amazing things among you.”*

Reflection

New levels of breakthrough and blessing always come after focussing on new levels of holiness. The Israelites were about to enter The Promised Land but first they had to get rid of any sin and idols that brought spiritual pollution and compromise. They had to set themselves apart to fully and faithfully serve the Lord.

Application

In this time of prayer and fasting be radical in confessing any sin in your life. Make a clean break with anything that is unclean and dishonouring to God. Pray for a great cleansing through the blood of Jesus. Ask for a new infilling of the Holy Spirit so that the fire of God ‘will burn up every trace of sin and let the light and glory in’ (William Booth).

DAY SIX

Called to radical anointing

Text

Joel 2:12-13, 28-29 *“Even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning.” 13 Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity.” 28 “And afterwards, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. 29 Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.”*

Reflection

Now is the moment to move to a new spiritual level. That is what this 10 days is all about.

The Lord wants to have a close relationship with you today and encourages you to ‘return’ to him. He does not want a long distance relationship – occasional and removed – but a close one with ‘all your heart.’

It takes genuine effort on our part – ‘fasting, weeping and mourning.’ Fasting helps us to focus, providing a constant reminder of what we are seeking. At times, it will require tears, a sign of an outpouring of emotion. At other times it involves, mourning, reflecting on how life has been and how it should be.

Afterwards, we are promised to know a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Application

Make a decision to get close to God. Take action: establish a daily devotion as a disciplined disciple. Persevere when it is tough. Don’t give up.

DAY SEVEN

Called to see great breakthrough

Text

2 Chronicles 20:17 *“You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the LORD will give you, O Judah and Jerusalem. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Go out to face them tomorrow, and the LORD will be with you.”*

Reflection

Have you ever faced a big challenge in life? Do you need to see a breakthrough this year - spiritual, relational, financial, emotional, physical? Life is full of battles but the mature Christian understands they don't need to fight them on their own but have God on their side. The Christian should take up their position and stand firm. Our role is to make sure we are living right according to the Bible and to be disciples aiming to become more like Jesus.

Application

Be obedient and determine to let God fight your battles. This means having faith and learning to trust God. ‘Standing firm’ does not mean we stop playing our part but it means we are looking elsewhere to ‘see the deliverance.’ Do not worry about the breakthrough. Just keep your focus on God.

DAY EIGHT

Called to serve the hurting

Text

Matthew 25:40 *The King will reply, I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for m.'*

Reflection

Jesus said that if anyone wanted to follow him, they should 'deny themselves.' This can take many forms. It may mean giving time to serve other people or giving our money. Above all, it is about becoming less self-focused or self-obsessed. When we have the heart and mind of Jesus we will suddenly 'see' people, notice them in a new way and have a deeper understanding of them. There are many hurting people in the world who are in need of an Encounter with God. In some cases it is obvious who is in need – the poor and vulnerable – but others may be less so. They may wear smart clothes at work and express confidence. As Christians we should be aware of all people.

Application

Ask God to give you an increased awareness of other people and what they are experiencing in life. Consider how you can help and bless people through serving practically.

DAY NINE

Called to break up hard ground

Text

Hosea 10:12 *“Sow righteousness for yourselves, reap the fruit of unfailing love, and break up your unploughed ground; for it is time to seek the LORD, until he comes and showers his righteousness on you.”*

Reflection

If we are going to sow and reap effectively we must first break up our “unploughed ground.” Unploughed ground can represent circumstances, attitudes or emotions that we have not dealt with or have not been prepared to deal with. Challenges may seem too daunting, attitudes too ingrained and hurts too deep to face. However, if we want to take hold of all that God has for us we must have the openness, the humility and the courage to let God soften the hard places in our hearts.

Application

In your prayer time, ask God to show you areas in your life that represent unploughed ground. Are there ‘hard’ circumstances, attitudes or emotions that you need to deal with? Do you need to repent? Do you need to soften? Do you need to forgive? Do you need healing? Do you need help? As you pray, let God help you with each of these areas.

DAY TEN

Called to make disciples everywhere

Text

Matthew 28: 19:20 *“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”*

Reflection

God plans that His Kingdom will spread throughout the whole earth. He intends that not only individuals become committed followers but also that ‘all nations’ and every ethnic group is disciplined. It is a huge task requiring that every true follower of Jesus plays their part in making disciples both locally and globally.

Application

First be an obedient follower of Jesus. Secondly go to all the people you can to share the good news, confident that the Lord has promised to be with you. Be alert to opportunities to minister to people of any and every ethnic group. When people are ‘born again’ do all you can to care for new believers and help mature them in their faith.

