

# Prayer and Personal Evangelism Emphasis for 2024

## Why Prayer?

- Prayer is vital to maintaining an authentic connection with God
- There is more to prayer than the box we often put it in
- Praying with one another for those who don't know Christ can result in real life change: **Acts 16:25-29**
- Praying with one another and making requests known is a practical way to grow in Christ and follow him together
- Prayer is our way of humbling ourselves before God and letting him know how much we need him, to pursue him as he pursues us
- In order to receive confidence in God's plan for our lives, we should ask for it in prayer: **Psalms 27:3**

## Practical ways we will Emphasize Prayer:

- Intentional church-wide prayer and worship nights starting once a quarter with the goal of having them once per month
- A future space dedicated prayer in the Tan House for anyone to use
- A few days out of the year will be dedicated to prayer and fasting throughout the day
- Ask a different household/individual to close in prayer at the end of each Sunday morning service
- More frequent invitations and guided prayers during Sunday morning worship
- A preaching series focused on different types of prayers in various contexts
- Open invitation to share inspiring testimonies of answered prayer, either from the stage on a Sunday morning or through a written testimonial we can share through email or on our website

## Why personal evangelism?

- The Great Commission commands every Christian to go and make disciples
- We have the answer that brings the only hope, love, meaning, identity and community that will last forever, and it would be unfair and cruel not to share it: **Matthew 5:15-16**

- Seeing God work through ourselves and others in church is a very practical way to see our confidence in Christ grow
- We all have a desire to share but are held back by different fears and obstacles
- To Remind us that our everyday lives are meant for bringing others closer to Jesus rather than pushing them away: **Colossians 4:5-6**
- The most practical and organic way for our church to grow is through the relationships we build

### **Practical ways we will emphasize personal evangelism:**

- Three to four Saturday-morning workshops throughout the year with guest speakers on various aspects of relationship building and sharing your faith
- Fellowship events hosted throughout the year as fun and family friendly ways to introduce friends to our church family
- Two to three special Sunday services that will be an opportunity to bring a friend for the first time
- Further incorporation of families and kids from Wednesday night programs into Sunday morning kids programs
- Practical insights from the life and ministry of Jesus will be emphasized in our Seen by the Savior message series
- Open invitation to share from the stage on Sundays any testimonies of God's faithfulness in building relationships, or by writing a testimonial that we can post to our website