

# Praying with People

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## **A Few Observations About Praying with People**

One suggestion is that on every evening that you meet as a prayer group, have a prayer team available to pray with people, if they so wish. Often, we get in conversations with folks after meetings and it becomes clear that they need and are open to prayer. When those situations occur it is always helpful to have a couple of prayer group members available to pray with them.

When praying with people, we also need to distinguish better between the situations necessitating regular prayer and those needing soaking prayer. The temptation is to make everything soaking prayer. If we do that too much then very few people have the opportunity to be prayed with after the prayer meeting is done, as it takes a lot of time.

My own experience is that a simple prayer, very matter of fact, prayed with faith, and received with faith, is very powerful. Sometimes we want to keep praying until the person being prayed with, or we ourselves, experience some kind of emotional response to the prayer. While it is good on occasion to find out what people are experiencing, Jesus prayer for people was usually fairly matter of fact and tailored to each person's need and situation.

Some of the most powerful healings, deliverances, and encounters with Christ that people have experienced when I have prayed with them have been in situations where I as the prayer have experienced nothing. I simply acted in faith and in response to the person's request, and trusted God for the rest. Yet God profoundly works in the individual's life as a result.