

Reading: Acts 19:1-7

Seekers

Topic: Working With

INTRODUCTION: God's desire is to pour out of His Spirit upon all _____, and we must be ready to _____ those who come, desiring to be filled.

I. SPIRITUAL CONDITION:

A. Repented:

1. When someone comes to _____ the Holy Ghost, it is important to find out where they are on the Spiritual thermometer. Acts 19:2
2. People must repent before praying to _____ the Holy Ghost, otherwise, they will not get very far, as God will not come into an unclean vessel. Acts 2:38

B. Understanding:

1. Some people do not understand even the very _____ of prayer, spirituality, etc. so when speaking with them, it is important to use _____ that they will understand. Acts 8:30,31
2. You may need to show a person how to _____, how to _____ and how to _____ the Lord. James 4:8

II. BUILDING FAITH:

A. God's Gift:

1. The seeker should understand that the Holy Ghost is a _____ from God Himself, not something that has to be earned by many _____ of hard work. Acts 2:38
2. Also, the seeker should realize that God _____ to give this gift to everybody who desires it, and He is no respecter of _____. Luke 11:11-13

B. Asking & Receiving:

1. Even though the Holy Ghost is a gift, God does want us to _____ Him for it. Luke 11:9,10
2. After the asking, then comes a _____ to begin thanking and praising the Lord for forgiving our sins and for the Holy Ghost, then just _____ it.
3. It is important for the seeker to keep their _____ focused upon the Lord.

III. ALTAR WORKERS:

A. Everyone Get Involved:

1. Every believer should get involved in helping pray with _____ to receive the Holy Ghost, and helping them to reach _____ to God.
2. The worst thing to do is just sit and _____ or stand and stare at what is going on - if you do not wish to pray with someone, then at least _____ and worship with all of your heart.
3. If you have shyness or _____ to help pray for people, pray and ask God to _____ you to overcome the reluctance to move out in faith and become an effective altar worker. 2 Tim. 1:6,7

B. Do's & Don'ts:

1. DO speak so the seeker can understand you - many do not understand our terminology.
2. DO lay hands gently on their head or shoulder while praying for them.
3. DO carry breath mints or spray.
4. DO encourage the seeker to pray out loud.
5. DO NOT hit, shake, rub or abuse the seeker in any way - it will take their mind off the Lord.
6. DO NOT scream in the seeker's ear or yell confusing phrases at the seeker.
7. DO NOT move from person to person - stay with one until they pray through or stop praying, then move on to another.

C. After The Praying:

1. It is often _____ when someone receives the Holy Ghost and speaks in tongues, but sometimes it may be hard to hear the person, so when the prayer is over, ask them if they _____ any strange words while praying and worshipping. Acts 10:46
2. Make sure to get the _____ and address of the person who has received the Holy Ghost, so they can be placed on a list to receive a Bible Study and New Convert Care.

CONCLUSION: God wants to _____ people with the Holy Ghost, but we must use wisdom and spiritual guidance to accomplish the will of God.

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