



Do you not say, "There are yet four months, then comes the harvest"?
Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for
harvest — John 4:35.

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Bible Prayer Meeting 3

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Let us enter God's presence to seek His calling.....

PRE-EVENT QUIET TIME

Please use the provided devotion to prepare yourselves to listen to God's calling to you. Our goal in our **Bible Prayer Meeting** is to approach God with open hearts and empty hands. We want to be open to His calling to us. We want to empty ourselves of our thoughts, plans, and ideas. We want to let God reveal His calling to us.

Please spend this time in quiet prayerful contemplation. May God bless your time with His guidance and presence.

INTRODUCTION

While our initial plans called for two or three movements in each Bible Prayer Meeting, experience has shown that one movement is more realistic. So we have reduced our **Bible Prayer Meeting** to one movement. Each movement will have four parts, as detailed below:

- ◆ **Contemplate:** You will be given a passage upon which we will focus. Please read the passage silently to yourself. As you do, prayerfully ponder what it means to you and how it relates to the kingdom of God — especially how it relates to bringing people into the kingdom of God.
- ◆ **Discuss:** When so instructed please join with your partner to discuss together what God is saying to you through this passage. Give each person a moment or two to tell the other partner what God has brought to mind as you spent time in contemplative study. After each person has had an opportunity to share, continue sharing what God is saying to you through the passage. In addition, share what God is saying to us as His church in this place. If helpful, jot down these thoughts to share in the larger group time to follow.

- ◆ **Pray:** Please join with your partner in praying with one another what you learned about the passage through your personal contemplative time and the time you spent discussing it with your partner. You can use the PTA prayer form of prayer if you'd like.

PTA stands for **praise, thank, and ask**. First, **praise** God for who He is. Second, **thank** Him for what He's done (in your life, the life of your partner, the life of your church, and the life of the world). Finally, take requests to Him — **ask** Him that which you were led to see as important from your time in this movement. Really hone in on what He's led you and your partner to reveal and share with one another in your discussion time. Please be sure to give each individual an opportunity to pray.

- ◆ **Reporting:** We'll then spend some time together as the groups of two join with all the other groups in sharing the God-given insights discerned through the process. Reporting is a key element in helping disseminate important insights you've gained through this process.

Finally we'll close with prayer and a blessing. We'll then send you back out into the world to put into action what God has led you to discern through this process.



AN OPENING MOMENT AND SONG

MOVEMENT ONE

Contemplate: John 4:1-42

Discuss: _____

Pray: _____

Reporting: What God has said to you through this movement. _____

A CLOSING MOMENT AND BLESSING

Depending upon our numbers we may join together around the Lord's altar for our closing. Please feel free to offer your praise, thanks, and requests to God as we pray together using the **PTA** model.

Close by marking one another with the sign of the cross on the forehead or back of the hand and recite this or a similar blessing: "(Name), may God bless you this day/night and every day/night. Amen." ✝

