

How Do I Start?

Welcome to **day 8** of our 21 days of prayer and fasting! It's time for us to change our mindset. Last week the focus was on each of us individually. Now it's time to start thinking and praying **organizationally**. It's time to seek how God is leading our **church** and not just us as the individual members. As we turn the page from Deuteronomy to Joshua we see the beginning of a new generation. That generation knew nothing of Egypt and would have to learn to trust God all over again. We are in a similar place as a church. Our previous generations are quickly fading and the future for the new generations is difficult to see. We need to be praying now that God would raise up leaders who are "strong and courageous" and serve the Lord with everything they have. These leaders are staff, volunteers, committee members, deacons, elders, counselors, D-Group leaders, and the like. We need a new generation of leaders, but it is the responsibility of the current generation to invest in those who will one day lead. That starts with prayer. Pray that God will bring us a new generation of bold and committed leaders. Ask God to show us how to invest in them when He calls them. Pray for our future leaders.

Things to pray about today:

1. Thank God for those who invested in you. Make a list of their names and how God used them in your life.
2. Pray for our future leaders. Not just staff but each person serving in a leadership role.
3. Ask God to give you a future leader to disciple and prepare for what God is calling them to do.

Today's Reading - Joshua 1, 3, 5:13-15 Judges 2:6-23

Read the passage for today and write down anything that stood out to you. God primarily speaks through His word, so, if something "jumped off the page" that was probably God revealing something to you or to our church family. Write it down!

Pray

Write out your prayer. Or at least the main points. I like to do this section in a different color.

Listen

Take time to listen to what God is saying to you. Check your understanding against the truth of His word. He will never tell you something that contradicts His word. Be sure to listen throughout the day even after you leave the sanctuary. As He speaks, write it down! I like to use a third color for this part

Date: _____

What's on my mind?

Prayer

Today's Scripture

Listen