

Prayer-Walking Made Easy

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1. Begin discussing the possibility of a regularly scheduled prayer-walk (once a week) on a campus with some friends or advertise it in the Bulletin.
2. Organize an initial time and meeting place to go over the ground rules. I would also suggest that the participants see this as a ministry. Ministry is spiritual work; they need to be ready spiritually. Stress the need for the participants to be people who pray regularly. The church lobby or a person's home for the first meeting will work fine. Make sure you save time to pray together in the first meeting. If you serve refreshments make sure that does not become the center of the meeting.
3. Know where (which campus and which part of campus) you want to walk. (Most colleges and universities have on-line maps of their campus, print and copy several). Determine how long this prayer-walk should last and choose a meeting/ending spot.
4. The ground rules:
 - 4.1. Try not to look conspicuous. Stay in small groups, maybe 2 or 3 at the most.
 - 4.2. Prayer content
 - 4.2.1. Pray the scriptures; here are just a few examples:

a) 2 Corinthians 10.3-5	d) Matthew 9.37-38
b) Hebrews 2.14b-15	e) 2 Thessalonians 3.1
c) 1 John 3.8b	f) Colossians 4.3-4
 - 4.2.2. Pray for the students, staff and faculty that the Holy Spirit would draw them to Jesus (John 15.26 & 16.13-14).
 - 4.2.3. Pray for students, staff and faculty who may have come to this campus as Christians and somewhere along the journey have fallen away.
 - 4.2.4. Pray for the Christians on campus that they will be strong in the faith (Colossians 1.9-12).
 - 4.2.5. Pray for God to open doors of ministry to these Christians, to you and to your church (Colossians 4.3-4).
 - 4.2.6. Pray about the content which is being taught.
 - 4.2.7. Pray in front of key buildings: Dorms, Faculty offices, Administration.
 - 4.2.8. Go into buildings that are open to you. (You may want to eat in the cafeteria, or at least sit and drink a coffee).
 - 4.2.9. Pray in the Spirit.
 - 4.2.10. You can pray out loud in a normal conversational voice with your eyes open, it looks like you are talking to each other.
 - 4.2.11. You can actually lay hands on buildings and pray as a point of contact.
 - 4.2.12. You are going to have to decide how Pentecostal you want these prayer times to be. It is better to set some rules at the beginning than to be embarrassed later. For example:
 - a) Will you pray out loud? How loud?
 - b) Will you pray in the Spirit out loud? How loud?
 - c) Will you engage in evangelism while you are on campus? (My suggestion is NO! There is a time and place for that, but wait on God for direction. Of course if you are spoken to take advantage of each situation as the Spirit leads you.)
5. Instruct the participants to be listening to God's voice. I am convinced that God wants to reveal things to you about the campus. Example:
 - 5.1. He wants to show you how to pray more effectively for your local situation.
 - 5.2. He may reveal specific sins or strong holds of the enemy.
 - 5.3. He may give you a strategy for campus-community service and outreaches.
6. After the prayer time go for a coffee and debrief one another.