Activity

**WOMEN OF THE BIBLE PRAYER WALKS**

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 Do your prayer times get boring at times? Do you feel you are always saying the same thing and going through the ritual of prayer? Why not try prayer walks?

Prayer walk is an alternative way of praying. It is fun and interactive and young and old can participate. It engages the heart and the mind as you pray. Here are a few ideas for a prayer walk that examine five special women in the Bible.

**Priscilla, Going on God’s Mission**

**Read Matthew 28:19-20:**

* Gather as a group in the garden or outdoors if possible. Have someone read Matthew 28:19-20.
* Jesus is calling everyone to go and share the gospel. Pray in groups of 2 or 3 that God will help you to share the gospel with others.
* Same small group move out in different directions to find a comfortable corner in the field or place designated.

**Going on God’s Mission:**

* Read Acts 18:18-19.
* Priscilla went with Paul to Corinth and Ephesus to advance the mission work. Share one challenge you face when you go on God’s mission.
* Pray together that Jesus will give you a heart for mission and when He calls you to go to different places, you will answer, “I will go.”

**Mission Work:**

* Read Acts 18:24-26.
* Priscilla and Aquila guided Apollos and taught him more about God.
* Take one minute to teach each other one important truth about the great God.
* Pray together in your small groups of 2 or 3. Ask God to help you know the important truth about Him.

**Dorcas, A Friend of the Needy**

**Read & Share:**

* Form groups of 4 and stand in a circle.
* Each person places a scarf, or handkerchief, or headband or any small cloth on the ground together to represent the many clothes made by Dorcas for the widows and the poor.
* Read Acts 9:36, 39.
* Share with each other one kind and generous thing someone has done for you.
* Take one minute to share how you can be charitable to the needy in your environment.

**Pray Together:**

* Ask Jesus to help you to be kind and generous to the needy.
* Pray for opportunities to reach out to the poor and needy as well as refugees.

**Ruth, Following God’s Leading**

**Changing Religion:**

* In groups of 2, walk to a place to be by yourselves.
* Read Ruth 1:16-17
* Ruth chose to remain with Naomi and to worship the true God. They went on to Bethlehem together.
* Ask: “Is changing one’s religion a huge challenge for an individual?” Briefly share your experience in one minute.

**God’s Leading:**

* Read Ruth 2:1-11.
* God led Ruth to gather grains in the fields of Boaz. He treated her kindly and instructed his servants to deliberate drop some extra grain for Ruth to gather and bring home.
* Has God cared for you in unexpected ways?
* Pick up some grass and put it in your hand. Pray with your prayer partner, thanking God for caring for you when you are in great need. Ask for faith to trust Him always.

**Deborah, Judge & Prophetess**

**Called of God:**

* Form groups of 3 or 4 and read Judges 4:4-5.
* Deborah was a judge appointed by God to lead and guide the people of Israel into ways of righteousness.
* Ask: “Have you been asked by God to do something extraordinary in your life? Share a little of your experience.

**Embracing God’s Call:**

* Walk to another spot and read Judges 4:6-8.
* Deborah was inspired by God to ask Barak, a commander in Israel’s army to go and fight Jabin’s army led by Sisera. Barak wouldn’t go unless Deborah went with him. She was a decisive figure in the defeat of the Canaanites.
* Ask: “What is God calling you to do that you have not done before?”
* Pray for boldness and courage to do unique and amazing things that God is calling you to do.
* Pray for strength and power to lead people of different faith to Jesus.

**Hannah, Persistent Prayer Warrior**

**Challenging Circumstances:**

* Divide into groups of 2 or 3 and Read 1 Samuel 1:1-11.
* Hannah faced challenging circumstances of rejection and shame when she was barren and had no children. She felt abandoned by the Lord, but she never gave up.
* Ask: “Have you ever faced challenging circumstances in your life, felt discouraged and angry with God?” Take one minute to share how you dealt with it.
* Pray together and ask God to give you power and strength to bear challenges in your life.

**Letting Go:**

* Read 1 Samuel 1:24-28.
* Hannah demonstrates her faith through her promise to God, even when it means an extreme sacrifice to let her young son go off to Shiloh to serve in the temple.
* Ask: “Have you been called to let go of something precious to you? Share your experience.
* Pray and ask God to help you to let go of things of this earth that we regard as precious and put God first, even if it means giving up your comfort to be serving in the mission field.