

Creative prayer idea

For standing on answered prayer to pray for more

On Thursday 27 June, 2013, we had a particular focus on using answered prayer as testimony to stand on to increase our faith to pray for other people and situations. This creative prayer idea helped us both to follow the tradition of the recounting prayer – by listing specific answers to prayer ourselves – and to use a visual and kinaesthetic symbol to help us more fully connect with the power of testimony to inspire a deeper trust in God, and a stronger faith to pray for more transformation as he leads and guides.

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1. Give each person a sheet of paper and pen and encourage them to write down as many answers to prayer as they can think of – in their own life and journey, in the lives of others around them, and at the national and global level both past and present...
2. Encourage people to spend several minutes doing this and invite them to include both recent and older testimonies – encourage them to think about how God has worked at different levels including spiritual transformation, physical healing, provision, turn around or restoration in relationships or other situations..
3. (During this time, you might like to have a playlist about God's faithfulness and goodness playing in the background.)
4. If the people worshipping are comfortable with each other, and you have time, you might want to encourage them to share one or two of their favourite and/or most recent items from their list.
5. Spend some time praising and thanking God for the number of things you have all come up with in such a short space of time, and for the breadth and depth of his care.
6. (You might like to encourage people to spend some more time later thinking of more answered prayers, and/or to keep the list open and jot down things as they come to mind over the coming days and weeks.)
7. Invite everyone to fold up their lists and then to put them on the floor.
8. Now encourage them to stand on them and think about the weight of testimony underneath them.
9. You might also want to read out Ephesians 3:20 or a similar scripture to help people consider further God's ability to answer prayer.
10. Move into intercession fuelled by these 'rocks of grace and faith to stand on as we pray for more'.
11. You might like to encourage people to pray for things that are particularly on their heart at present, or that they have more faith for as a result of making their list; or all pray for a specific issue or nation; or use the demonstration of God's character and faithfulness in specific and different areas to pray for similar transformation in other areas.