

Circle Up 2 – Emergency Circles – Prayer Circles

- **GOALS & GUIDELINES:**
- **ICEBREAKER: Tell us something you miss doing during the Corona Virus quarantine?**
- **AGREEMENT PRAYER**
- **PRAISE**
- **SCRIPTURE READ**

We are so glad to circle up with you. We are meeting in even smaller groups right now out of respect to this COVID-19 outbreak. We want to circle up, but we want to make sure we are doing everything wisely and safely. We want you to know that there are more people in this circle than you see in the room. In a few moments we will be spending time in prayer for each other.

Q- Why is community important? Tell us what you think?

Q- Have you taken community for granted?

Sometimes we don't understand the importance of friendships until we find ourselves isolated and in a difficult situation. We can't always be together in the same room, but that doesn't mean that we are alone!

God is with us of course. God is faithful. He will never leave us or forsake us. In addition to this fact that God is with us, the people of God should also be circled up for each other.

We read about Peter in Acts 12. He was imprisoned and was going to be soon executed. Peter was chained up in a prison cell, but Peter was not alone. **Q-** Who was circled up with Peter?

God was with Peter, but also the Church was circled up in prayer. In fact when Peter was rescued he went to a home where many people had circled up to pray. What a moment it must have been when the answer to their prayer, Peter, knocked on the door.

There are some similarities between Peter's situation and ours. We are being held in isolation, and it can almost make our homes feel like jail cells. But this story gives us hope.. so let's think about this question. **Q-** What are some ways we can circle up during this quarantine?

Q- How can we circle up to support you? (Please tell us!)

Q- How can we circle up to support our community? (Some of our scriptures speak to this, but we also need some ideas of how to circle our community during this specific time.)

That Church in Acts 12 prayed. Prayer is always something we can do. We aren't always sure how to help, what to say, or what to do... But we can always pray. We need to be people of prayer. We need to circle people in prayer.

Internal Question- Have you been taking community for granted? Has this shown you that you really need your family, friends, and church? Will you circle up in a more meaningful way? Will you pray? Will you circle your community in prayer? **{PRAY}**

VISION- Circle up in Prayer!

(Prayer requests)

Sarah Fluit (protection as she works at a Hospital)

Belinda Frazier (Sarah's mother in law has been sick)

Revival in our homes

Brandon & Emily Moore fam (Pray for strength, Em is pregnant and has experienced some pain)

Glen & Pam Bland fam – faith & strength during these times

Vicky Skinner (health)

Kathy Skinner (Jeremy's mom – health & protection)

Daniel Hughes (Salvation for a friend,

Blessing extended fam Pat & Bob & Diane (Jessica's grandparents & aunt) Cheryl (Marshal's mom)

Josie Longoria's grand daughter Kendra Murphy

Keep Jesus our focus

Finances – everyone

Pray for protection over each other. Claim God's Healing. Pray for our city & nation & world.

Goals and Guidelines

1. Grow in relationship with each other

2. Grow in relationship with God

3. Grow in number and multiply

- This is a non-denominational meeting where everyone's thoughts, ideas, and opinions are to be respected. Everyone is welcome and we encourage all to share their feelings.
- We will not argue or debate!
- We place God's Word as the highest authority.
- We all share equally in the ownership of this Connect Group, therefore we will all participate in hosting meetings from house to house on a weekly basis.
- We will be committed to attendance and arriving on time.
- When sharing, we follow 3 simple rules...
 - Stay on subject, Keep it short & Keep all comments appropriate.
- We will build confidence and trust with each other and become transparent.
- What is said in here stays in here. No gossip!
- Last but not least... We will invite others to our Connect Group!

Hebrews 10:24-25(niv) And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, 25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Acts 2:42-47(niv) 42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43 Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. 44 All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45 They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. 46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Acts 12:5,7,11-12(niv)5 So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him.

7 Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him up. "Quick, get up!" he said, and the chains fell off Peter's wrists.

11 Then Peter came to himself and said, "Now I know without a doubt that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from Herod's clutches..."

12 When this had dawned on him, he went to the house of Mary the mother of John, also called Mark, where many people had gathered and were praying.

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Here is a way to circle your community!

There is a tremendous need for blood. ALL BLOOD DRIVES ARE CANCELED BUT YOU CAN STILL DONATE BLOOD AT THE FOLLOWING DONATION CENTERS.

Eat a good meal before you go and make sure you bring I.D. It is a great way to #circleUP

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