

# Leading Prayer 101

S.D Gordon:

You can do more than pray  
**after** you have prayed, but  
you cannot do more than pray  
**until** you have prayed.

# Prepare Your Heart

- Sacred Trust of leading the ministry in the unseen
- Confessed sin (1 John 1:9)
- Filled with the Spirit (Eph. 5:18)



# Be a Team Leader



- See the group as a team that you will lead
- Give individual roles
- Encourage
- “Captain of the squad” – keep things moving forward

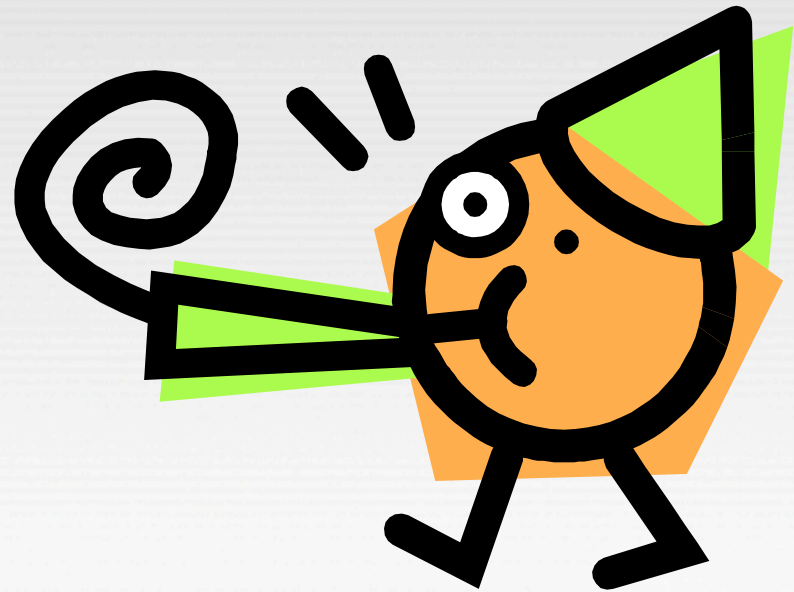
# Plan and Prepare

- Where is this meeting going?
- What do we want to see accomplished by the end of the meeting?
- Watching – ask God where the team can join in with what He is doing
- Prepare any worship, visuals, etc.



# Keep Interest High

- Right balance between rapid movement and waiting
- Not a show, but should be enjoyable
- Communicate time (can use a timer)



# Integrate Music and Worship

- Do whatever it takes!
- Does not have to be polished, but real
- If you can't do music, still do worship
- Blend worship with prayer



# Make Use of the Number of People



- Individual prayer
- Small groups
- Large group
- Everyone at once



# Set Components

- Have a set Location, Time, and Leader
- Rotating leadership and location usually a pitfall
- Set time is crucial

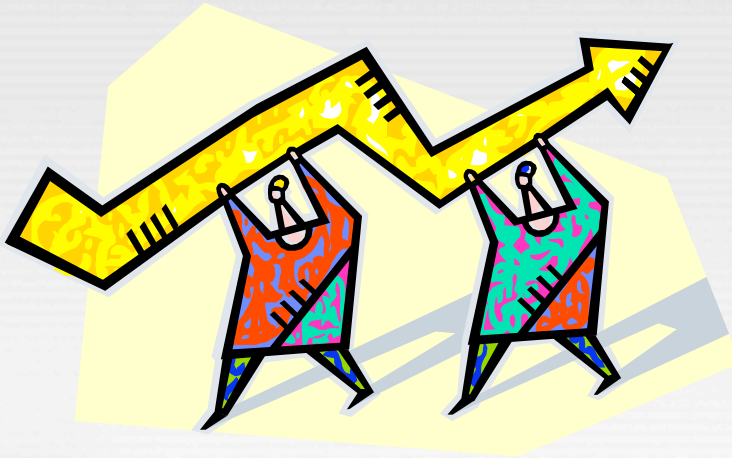


# Visual Aids and Objects



- Whiteboard
- Laptop – TV, projector or hold up like picture book
- Objects you can hold and/or pray over symbolically
- Don't overdo it

# Balance Strategic and Ground Level



- Emphasize the practicality of strategic level
- Use lists of requests cautiously
- If possible, have a separate meeting for personal needs, or a specific, time-limited part of the meeting

# Pray for the Prayers

- One person (can rotate) intercedes for the intercessors as they pray
- Pray for
  - Faith
  - Insight
  - Energy
  - Protection
  - Etc.



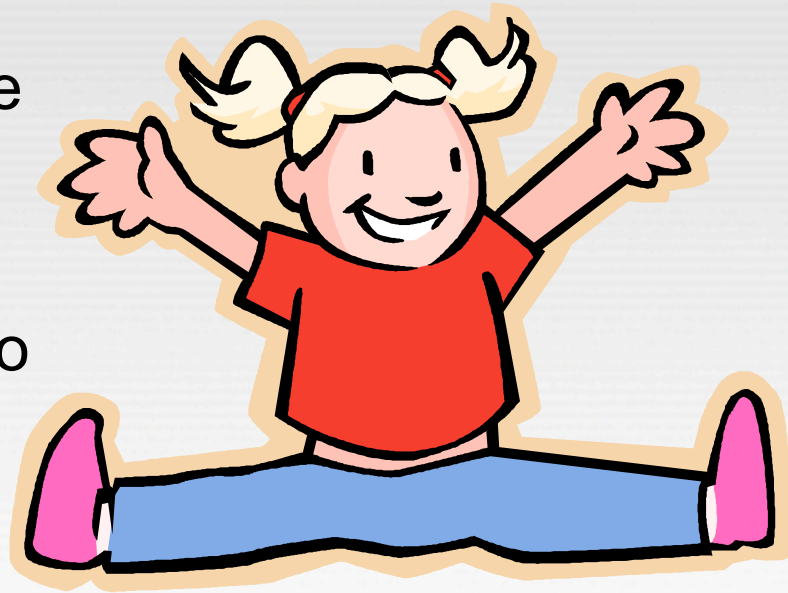
# Maximize Prayer Time

- Start and stop punctually (with flexibility when necessary)
- Can take breaks in meeting (2 minutes, 5 minutes, etc.)
- Have people gather  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour before meeting for refreshments and fellowship



# Care for your team

- Care for your team outside of prayer time
- Be in touch
- Have social get-togethers from time to time



# Be Creative



- Use creativity in an appropriate way to stimulate prayer
- Rely on God's Spirit, not your creativity, to make it a good meeting
- Creative locations and ways

# Quantify Appropriately

- Can be inspiring and also help people remain focused for a specific duration
- Examples:
  - Once/ week for 3 months
  - Every day for 30 days
  - Combined total of 64 hours/ month between everyone
  - pray on every street of city in the coming 2 years
  - “72 hours of worship” weekend





	<b>Beginners</b>	<b>Growing</b>	<b>Established</b>	<b>Experienced</b>
<b>Time</b>	less			more
<b>Switching topics</b>	More often			Less often
<b>Worship</b>	Pre-prepared, set times			Spontaneous, woven into intercession
<b>Directiveness of leadership</b>	Highly organized and directive			Facilitating
<b>Individual's role</b>	Follows directions			Gives direction
<b>Effective sub-group size</b>	Individual, partners, small groups			All sizes including large group and "everyone at once"
<b>Spiritual gifts emphasized</b>	Faith, encouragement, service/helps			Discernment, prophecy, knowledge, etc.
<b>Spiritual warfare</b>	Little or none, high caution taken			Discerning, appropriate, authoritative warfare