

Growing a Culture of Prayer – Week 3

TRUTH OF WHO WE ARE

1. Introduction

An essential element of the nature of being human is our need to know;

- a. We are loved
- b. We are loveable
- c. We belong (...we are known)

What is the purpose of Prayer Ministry?

What does this mean for us praying for other?

2. Do we know who we are?

When we accept Christ into our lives we, when we become a believer, we;

a.Are a 'new creation'.

*If anyone is Christ, he is **a new creation**, the old has gone, the new has come*

2 Corinthians 5: 16-17

b.Are in Christ and Christ in us.

Paul uses the phrase 'in Christ' or 'Christ in you' ... 89 times

*I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, **but Christ lives in me**. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me*

Galatians 2: 20

c.Are full.

*For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form and **you have been given fullness in Christ** who is the head over every power and authority*

Colossians 2: 9-10

d.Have every blessing.

*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with **every spiritual blessing** in Christ.*

Ephesians 1: 3

This is our family inheritance, our nature as believers. In addition we are all unique individuals with our own original design.. Psalm 139

..For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb

Psalm 139:13

3. The Power of Truth

..you know the truth and the truth will set you free

John 8: 32

Scripture must be our stable diet of truth.

What is benefit of the prophetic (hearing God's voice) in Prayer Ministry?

a. The Battle over Truth

In the Heavenly Realms

The Accuser (Devil/Enemy) sows lies and doubt to undermine the truth – that is what an accuser does. This has been happening right from the beginning...

'Did God really say "You must not eat from any tree in the garden?"

Genesis 3: 1

Truth confronts Lies - Spiritual Battle

In the Natural (world)

*Do not conform to the **pattern of this world**, but be transformed by **the renewing of your mind**. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.*

Romans 12:2

Renewed minds results in changed lives – TRANSFORMATION / RESTORATION

Seeing the world through God's eyes is a catalyst for change...but application is critical to change

b. Humility – Agreeing with God

Do you believe what God says about you?

How do you feel when you begin to realize how 'awesome' you are?

4. Listening in Prayer

Ask 'What is some of my original design?' How did God make me?