

SOUTH CREEK #201: MATURITY CLASS

REVIEW:

LESSON:

POINT #2 – DEVELOPING THE HABIT OF SPENDING TIME IN PRAYER:

A) WHAT IS PRAYER?

B) WHOM DO WE PRAY TO?

1) TO GOD THE FATHER

2) THROUGH GOD THE SPIRIT

3) IN THE NAME OF GOD THE SON

C) WHAT KINDS OF PRAYER ARE THERE?

1) ADORATION

2) CONFESSION

3) THANKSGIVING

4) SUPPLICATION

5) INTERCESSION

a) EXAMPLES:

- (1) FAMILY, FRIENDS, FOES**
- (2) LOST PEOPLE**
- (3) AUTHORITIES**
- (4) PEOPLE TO SERVE**
- (5) NEW CHRISTIANS**

D) WHO CAN PRAY?

- 1) THOSE WHO ARE SAVED**
- 2) THOSE WHO HAVE A CLEAN HEART**
- 3) THOSE WHO PRAY IN FAITH**
- 4) THOSE WITH A FORGIVING SPIRIT**
- 5) THOS WHO PLEASE GOD BY OBEYING HIM**

E) WHY SHOULD WE PRAY?

REASON #1 – IT'S COMMANDED BY GOD

REASON #2 – BECAUSE IT WILL MATURE YOU SPIRITUALLY

REASON #3 – BECAUSE IT PROVIDES YOU WITH OPPORTUNITIES

REASON #4 – BECAUSE IT CHANGES THINGS

REASON #5 – BECAUSE IT ALLOWS YOU TO FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD

REASON #6 – BECAUSE IT IS THE SOURCE OF JOY

REASON #7 – BECAUSE IT IS CHRIST-LIKE AND FOLLOWS HIS EXAMPLE

REASON #8 – BECAUSE IT HELPS US TO ACCOMPLISH GOD’S WILL

REASON #9 – BECAUSE IT GLORITIES GOD

REASON #10 – BECAUSE IT PROTECTS YOU FROM TEMPTATION

REASON #11 – BECAUSE IT CAN LEAD TO PEOPLE GETTING SAVED

F) WHAT ARE THE HINDRANCES TO PRAYER?

HINDRANCE #1 – PRIDE

HINDRANCE #2 – DISOBEDIENCE

HINDRANCE #3 – FAILURE TO SPEND TIME IN GOD’S WORD

HINDRANCE #4 – WRONG MOTIVES

HINDRANCE #5 – DISCORD BETWEEN SPOUSES

HINDRANCE #6 – LACK OF FAITH

HINDRANCE #7 – UNFORGIVING SPIRIT

HINDRANCE #8 – HYPOCRISY

HINDRANCE #9 – STINGINESS IN GIVING

HINDRANCE #10 – LACK OF PRAYING

POINT #3 – DEVELOPING THE HABIT OF SPENDING TIME IN FELLOWSHIP:

A) THE FACTS ABOUT FELLOWSHIP

FACT #1 – WE BELONG IN GOD’S FAMILY WITH OTHER BELIEVERS

FACT #2 – WE NEED ENCOURAGEMENT TO GROW SPIRITUALLY

FACT #3 – WE NEED ACCOUNTABILITY TO GROW SPIRITUALLY

FACT #4 – CHRIST IS PRESENT WHEN WE FELLOWSHIP TOGETHER

FACT #5 – FELLOWSHIP IS A WITNESS TO THE WORLD

B) THE FUNCTIONS OF SMALL GROUPS

PRINCIPLE: EVERY GROWING CHURCH MUST GROW LARGER AND SMALLER AT THE SAME TIME

FUNCTION #1 – BIBLE STUDY

FUNCTION #2 – FELLOWSHIP

FUNCTION #3 – COMMUNION

FUNCTION #4 – PRAYER

FUNCTION #5 – GIVING

FUNCTION #6 – SOCIAL

FUNCTION #7 – PRAISE

FUNCTION #8 -- OUTREACH

POINT #4 – DEVELOPING THE HABIT OF GIVING YOUR RESOURCES:

A) REASONS TO GIVE

REASON #1 – GIVING MAKES US LIKE GOD

REASON #2 – GIVING DRAWS US CLOSER TO GOD

REASON #3 – GIVING IS THE ANTIDOTE TO MATERIALISM

REASON #4 – GIVING IS AN INVESTMENT IN ETERNITY

REASON #5 – GIVING STRENGTHENS OUR FAITH

REASON #6 – GIVING RESULTS IN BLESSING