

24-7 Prayer Room Set-Up

How To Get Started

- 1. Read the book, Red Moon Rising, by author and pastor Pete Grieg, available at most local bookstores, or you can check Amazon.com, CBD and others.**
- 2. Pray and ask God this question: “Is the Holy Spirit leading me to host 24-7 prayer in my church, institution, group, etc.?”** “Is this a good idea or a God idea?” Pray that God would renew and ignite a fresh hunger for His Presence in your life as the leader. This passion to meet God in the secret place will be the fuel and energy to draw your congregation into the Prayer Room for their one-hour slot. It is perfectly “normal” for a pastor to confess to the congregation that he/she is desperate for the Presence of God to be in the church. You lead, they follow. God’s Spirit is attracted to thirsty hearts!
- 3. Build team unity with your staff, elders and leaders (within your particular form of government).** Purchase extra copies of Red Moon Rising, and read together as a team. If you sense God leading you forward, purchase the 24-7 Prayer Manual, (NexGen, Cook Communications Ministries, Colorado, 2005); by Pete Greig and David Blackwell. The manual is an excellent help and full of ideas and suggestions to design your room.
- 4. Set a starting date to begin 24-7 prayer.** Give at least a 6 week cushion before starting to allow time for a teaching series and for a creative team to prepare the room.
- 5. Determine the length of time to run the 24-7 rotation.** The 24-7 Prayer Manual has a great chapter to help make this decision based on the size, spiritual maturity and the faith of the congregation and leaders. Some start with 1-3 days; some go 7 to 30 days.
- 6. Register your group and the dates your Prayer Room will do the rotation at www.24-7prayer.com**
- 7. Begin envisioning your congregation or group for 24-7 prayer.** The goal is to create a hunger and an expectation to be in God’s presence in the Prayer Room. Consider a teaching series on the Bible history of God’s presence: Tabernacle of Moses, Tabernacle of David, Solomon’s Temple. The Simplicity of Prayer – Mary of Bethany etc. Teach about the deep longing in the heart of God to meet us one-on-one in the secret place. No task, no assignment...just come for one hour and BE with God. Listen to music, soak in His presence, read other people’s prayers, look at artwork, write in the journal, write a poem, draw a piece of artwork for Jesus, repent of sins, just lay at the foot of the cross, pray over the local, national or world map, pray for needs of others.....etc.
- 8. Design and prepare the Prayer Room.** A 4 or 5 member artistic team will work well. Consider a Welcome Wall, Altar, Wailing Wall, Graffiti Wall, central Cross with padded carpet around, music station, journaling station, art table, and numerous prayer stations to pray for global, national, local and social needs. (photos on the web)

9. Build a Nuts and Bolts Prayer Room Team: 8 Hour Shift Captains, Shift Phone Callers (to remind people a day in advance of their shift), Sign Up Sheets, Clean Up and Maintenance Team, an On-Call Group (to fill in empty slots and no-shows).

10. Launch the 24-7 rotation. Consider starting your rotation at 12 noon on Sunday (if you have Sunday services). Light a Lev 6:13 Candle during morning service, celebrate and send the first person in for their shift directly to the room. During the week, hang around the room at the top of the hour to gather fresh stories as people come in and out of the room. Having people share their stories of being in God's presence is a powerful way to inspire others to do a shift.

May the Lord richly bless you and grant all the desires of your heart as you consider day and night prayer: *"In Your presence is fullness of joy....." Psalm 16:11*

With the Affections of Christ,

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