Notes from the Friday July 22nd prayer meeting

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Agenda and Summary Notes

* The first monthly prayer meeting for the 2024 English-language Prayer Conference was held on Friday, July 22nd.

Meeting Attendees

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 Worshipping God

* Pastor Richard Ho shared a moving video version of “How Great Thou Art” with which the group could sing along in worship

Praying Together

* Pastor Kerry Schottelkorb led the group through a Lectio Divina exercise using John 14:12-14

         Lectio Divina, which means “Divine Reading”, is an approach to prayer and scripture reading practiced by monastics since the early Church.. It consists of 4 parts:

o    Lectio (reading): An attentive, slow, repetitious recitation of a short passage of scripture.

o    Meditatio (meditation): An effort to understand the passage and apply it to my own life.

o    Oratio (prayer): Engaging or talking with God about the passage.

o    Contemplatio (contemplation): Allowing oneself to be absorbed in the words of God as the Holy Spirit draws us into His presence through scripture.

Sharing the vision of the Prayer Conference in 2024

         Pastor John Lai reviewed the background behind the vision for an English-language Prayer Conference, including:

o    The development of the United Prayer Training Center (基督之家联合祷告训练中心)

o    The development of prayer training materials and training classes (祷告操练及传递)

o    The success of the 2021 Chinese-language prayer conference (全球线上特会)

o    The encouragement of those involved in the 2021 conference to do a similar conference for English-speaking Chinese Christians

Sharing about the needs of each pastor and coworker:

         The group prayed for one another and prayed for the will of God on the 2024 Prayer Conference

Proposing a prayer meeting format for August through December

         Pastor Lai proposed a meeting format for the monthly prayer meetings from August-December 2022

o    Each meeting has 2-3 coworkers organize/lead it – devotional, prayer, ministry sharing/prayer

o    Each meeting has a theme – related around mission of those coworkers (mission leads to prayer)

         ChinaSource (Kerry, Brent, Dan) agreed to lead the August prayer meeting

         This will lead up to 2023 planning for the 2024 Prayer Conference with the theme ‘Seek the Lord of the Harvest”