Summary Notes of the Prayer Meeting on November

The fifth online monthly prayer meeting for the 2024 English-language Prayer Conference was held on Friday, November 18th.  The theme of the meeting was “Prayer and Guidance” during which Dr Rick Durst shared about his journey in the area of seeking God’s guidance in prayer.

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Welcome

Pastor Lai opened the meeting with a welcome to all the attendees.

Entering into Worship

Dr Rick Durst shared with the group a Selah video “God Leads His Dear Children Along”.

Message and Sharing

With a theme of “Prayer and Guidance”, Dr Durst shared about his journey in seeking God’s guidance through listening prayer. He started with a devotional from 1 Samuel 3, where Samuel said, “Speak Lord, for your servant is listening”.  Dr Durst spoke of Prayer Discipleship as “The Great Omission”. Seeking guidance is simply listening for God’s voice.

Research into the 100-Year Prayer Meeting undergirding the Moravian Missions Movement revealed that what was most often prayed for was guidance.

Dr Durst highly recommended a book by Mary Geegh, an early 20h century missionary to India, called “God Guides”. Some key thoughts from Mary Geegh’s book:

* When we listen, God speaks.
* When we obey promptly, God acts.
* When God acts, people are changed.
* When people change, the nation changes.

Key prayer resources:

1. “In Search of Guidance” Dallas Willard, 1993
2. “God Guides”, Mary Greegh, 1900
3. “Created for Connection”, Sue Johnson and Kenneth Sanderfer, 2016

Discussion about direction for Prayer Conference

Dr. Victor Quon shared a report on progress related the future of the Prayer Conference:

1. There is a tentative plan to hold two regional conferences, one in northern California and one in southern California
2. He has spoken with various ministry people and identified three or four who are willing to help.
3. As a next step, he is planning to bring some pastors together in January for a prayer retreat, which will provide a model they can take back to their churches
4. He has asked the pastors to identify 2-3 people in their churches to participate in a church-based ½ day prayer retreat for guidance

At the conclusion of the discussion, Pastor Lai asked Dr Quon to lead the Prayer Conference effort going forward.

 Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Friday December 16th.

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