

## Monday Pastor Brainstorm Session – Notes for March 23, 2009

### RECAP of Prayer Execution

Did prayer experience as the service by following script.

Used wide rubber bands to write prayer requests to put on wrists so they can see as they work, hands do prayer well.

Divided service into “PRAY” – with 4 different songs and 4 different prayers.

Turned church into 4 different stations – PRAY.

Did “Our Father” with Gods voice responding – spend time praying and ended with lunch to discuss the experience. Used elements of prayer experience as well.

### The Church

1. Focus on the people. Jesus said to Peter – on this rock – I will build my church - you and your faith – not here is a rock where we will build a building.
2. Use 4 full -length mirrors to introduce people to “the church” – YOU! You can’t get away from the church.
3. Contrast with the Pharisees who spent time building intricate internal rules for behaviors, elevated leadership, focused on appearances versus serving others’ fueled by internal devotion to Jesus.
4. If your ambition is to leave a legacy your legacy will be ambition. Point of life? Serve Jesus.  
**(BTome FOCUS) Luke 10: sends out 72, two by two. Blessed are the eyes that see what you see – see Jesus. Don’t even be jealous of a king when you see Jesus, you are fulfilling life by fulfilling kingdom.**
5. Luke 17 – The kingdom of God is within you.
6. Everyone writes “I am the church” on wall with pictures of people (or without photos). Could use video of people on a screen as people write.
7. Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, only historical figure linked to apostles directly. Statements to church of Philipians, use prayer as he is burned at the stake. Old man demonstrates his devotion and truth of Resurrection.
8. What internet sensations were ubiquitous but have died out. We are wired for quick hits and then we forget. Christianity perseveres because Jesus served and sent out people via relationships who served, as opposed to announcing himself as God from the beginning.
9. Why did Jesus die? To give all of us eternal life and empower our own service “out on the street”. NOT for a nice church experience.
10. I am a vessel used by Jesus to be transformed into him so that if Jesus came back today we would not be able to differentiate Him from the rest of us since we should all be like Jesus now. Create “Where’s Waldo?” Picture, contrast to Where’s Jesus? With Jesus in classical robes. Where’s Jesus? Looking alike to see that churchgoers should be like Jesus and Jesus would be dressed like us.
11. Can use the 7 “I am” statements and say we are to be like Jesus so we aspire, through Jesus, to be all the “I am” statements, except “before Abraham was born I am” – which is Jesus alone.
12. No one got who Jesus was among the disciples until the Holy Spirit came and they had to receive Him to become empowered. You can only understand so much. But you can know Jesus is God, died, rose and empowers me to serve.
13. Jesus waited until the end of his ministry to declare he was God in order to relate, from most closeness to his disciples, most powerfully role model to them, before he revealed himself as god.
14. Declare that we exist for those who do not have Jesus today.
15. Brian Tome will post his message slides on proof of Resurrection.
16. When you get on facebook, you find out others are “ahead of you” and you get discouraged by it. We get drawn into the comparative lives of Americans.
17. Acceptance fuels influence – we need to accept others to influence them.