

## **Prayer Ministry Sunday**

### **1 Timothy 4:14**

Hebrews 6:1-2 shows that the laying-on-of-hands was a common practice in the early church.

1 Timothy 4:14 shows that the laying-on-of-hands involves asking God to do something supernatural right then and there in the person.

There's many times when prayer does not involve asking God to do something supernatural right then and there — like when we pray for God to provide a job.

But when we lay hands on someone, we are asking God to do something supernatural right then and there.

Here's how we're going to do this:

1. Introduce yourselves.
2. Someone share a need.
3. Pray for the need, asking Jesus to do something right here and now.
4. Think and listen for anything Jesus might want you to say.
5. Watch to see what Jesus is doing.
6. Give it time.
7. Don't be afraid of silence.
8. Ask what Jesus did.
9. Pray again, as God leads



## **HOME GROUP DISCUSSION OF SUNDAY'S TEACHING**

*(Sometimes in our home groups we talk about Sunday's teaching, so we can work together on responding to God's Word — asking questions, sharing insights, talking together.)*

What was the Holy Spirit saying to you Sunday through this passage?

What questions, ideas, objections, encouragements did you come with?

What do you like about the laying-on-of-hands? What do you not like about it? Why?

Have you ever had bad experiences with the laying-on-of-hands? Is it possible to pursue this without falling into unhelpful practices? Why or why not?

Do this together as a home group. Go through the same steps we went through Sunday (see front page). Talk afterwards about what you learned. What was helpful? What was not so helpful?

What's your take-away from this message? What are you going to do differently? When? How?

Share prayer requests that come up in the discussion, jot them down below, and pray for each other.

<b>Passage</b>	<b>How they Prayed</b>	<b>What God Did</b>
Mat 19:15	"he laid his hands on them"	Nothing mentioned
Mar 6:5	"he laid his hands on a few sick people"	Physical healing
Mar 8:23-25	"he laid his hands on him"	Blindness healed
	"he laid his hands on every one of them"	Physical healing
Luke 14:13	"he laid his hands on her"	Her back physically straightened
Acts 6:6	"they laid their hands on them"	Nothing mentioned
Acts 8:17	"they laid their hands on them"	They received the Holy Spirit
Acts 9:12,18	Ananias laid his hands on Paul	His blindness was healed
Acts 13:13	The Antioch leaders laid hands on Paul and Barnabas	Nothing mentioned
Acts 19:6	Paul laid his hand on them	The Holy Spirit came upon them with tongues and prophecy
Acts 28:8	Paul laid his hands on Publius' father	Physical healing
1 Tim 4:14	"laid their hands on you"	Gave Timothy a spiritual gift through a word of prophecy