

Prayer Ministry Sunday

Matt 19:13-15; 1 Timothy 4:14; Acts 9:17

The laying on of hands can be appropriate whenever we want to pray for someone.

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The laying on of hands involves praying in Jesus' name for God to increase the work of the Holy Spirit upon someone.

1 Timothy 4:14

Any follower of Jesus can pray for someone with the laying on of hands.

Acts 9:17

Some suggestions:

Introduce yourselves.

Share a need.

Pray for their need and ask the Father to work supernaturally right here and now.

Be thinking and listening.

Watch to see what the Father is doing.

Give it time.

Don't be afraid of silence.

Ask them what the Father did.

Either stop praying for them, or pray for them again.



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 teaching and experience of praying for each other?

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

What do you like about praying for others with the laying on of hands? What do you not like about it? Why?

How is praying for someone with the laying on of hands different from other prayer? How is it the same?

What are some of the benefits of this practice? Are there any downsides?

What's your take-away from this? 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.

