

# Youth Prayer Event

Begin with a youth praise and worship team leading out in praise if possible. If not, have another group lead or use canned music with some of their favorite songs to sing along.

Below is a link to a video to start the evening off.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KgCiq70\\_rTw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KgCiq70_rTw)

Ask the following questions to the group.

1. Can I call myself a Christian and not spend time in prayer?
2. What does being a Christian look like?

At this point set up groups (referred to as churches).

Hand out pictures of one of your leaders dressed as Jesus taken all around the church or grounds in at least 10 different places and poses. Make sure the poses are difficult to imitate but fun or funny and the locations are difficult to figure out.

Tell the groups it is their job as Christians to imitate Christ in these photos.

Make sure each group has a messaging device they can use to take pictures of themselves in these different locations and poses.

Give them 10 minutes to find 5 locations, take the picture, and text it back to you in the proper pose (the point is to make it close to impossible).

Prepare a PowerPoint as the pictures come in showing "Jesus" picture beside their picture if you get any back.

Blow a whistle when time is up.

## Stage 2

Bring “Jesus” out and introduce Him to everyone.

Have each leader quietly ask Jesus where He went and how to pose.

Make sure He gives each group a different location to start

--They can only ask one pose/location at a time.

--The point is to have them constantly coming back and  
“connecting” with Jesus

Once all of the leaders have asked their first question start the timer and send them off to start taking their pictures again: 10 minutes with 5 poses

--After each successful pose, place into a PowerPoint presentation demonstrating how easy it was to look like “Jesus” and how many more situations they got to look like Him.

After showing your presentation of before and after connecting with “Jesus” announce the winning “church” and hand out a prize like \$5.00 gift cards to Sonic to each member

## Discussion:

1. How difficult is it to “be a Christian” without talking to God?
  - a. Is it really being a Christian?
  - b. What is it, then?
2. When we take time to talk with God and spend time in His Word looking at His image (picture), how difficult is it to be a Christian?

Spending time with God is what prayer is. Spending time in His Word is important to understand how to reflect His image. But we still don't do it right if we don't stay in constant connection with Him.

3. What does that look like?
4. Is prayer a wish list and or a list of things we need God to take care of in our lives or the lives of others?
5. What else is it?
  - a. Prayer is conversation with Christ. It's admitting we cannot do it on our own and confessing how we messed it up with our siblings, our parents, our friends, or classmates. It's asking Him to take over our life or whatever we bring to the table that moment. It is surrendering our desires and asking God to give us new ones. It's also asking Him to show us the next step and then listening to what He may or may not want to share with us at that time.
6. When we do these things, we can pray our laundry list with confidence that He works all things together for good for them that Love Him. We can leave it in His hands because, as a close friend, we find ourselves trusting His ways more and more.
7. Sometimes our laundry list even changes because He changes in our hearts what needs to be prayed about. That is when we can become confident that whatever we ask in His name He will give us because His heart becomes our heart and what we ask for is in line with what He wants to give us.

# Prayer Time

Have the group separate into small groups. The purpose of the prayer time is to pray specifically for friends and themselves as they prepare for prom/banquets, and graduation.

Hand out this prayer for them to begin. Not everyone in the group needs to pray but make sure they have a designated pray-er within each group.

## **Preparation:**

Psalm 119:15-16

*“I will meditate on Your precepts (designated ways of doing things) and regard (think about and consider) Your ways. I shall delight in your statutes (laws and rules). I shall not forget Your word.”*

As Christ connected with You Lord, always considering Your will in every aspect of His life, I give you my mind and heart wanting to consider Your ways in everything I do. I want to meditate on how you want me to do things, delight in Your rules instead of questioning them or get around them and will do my best to remember Your Word.

## **Confession:**

1 John 1:5-7

*“This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.”*

Lord, cleanse me from all darkness. Lead me into the Light, into fellowship with you and real fellowship with those that I love and care about. Forgive me for all the times that I let you down. Help me not be a power of darkness in my own life or the lives of others but to reflect You in every aspect of my life. Make me clean and perfect so that I can reflect Your image more perfectly.

## Supplication/Intercession

Phillippians 4:6-7

*“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”*

Lord, You tell us to let our requests be made known to you and that Your peace that is beyond all comprehension will guard our hearts and minds as we follow and trust Your Son. We want to pray now for ourselves and our friends as we prepare for the last days of school. This is a time of great joy, but somehow it always seems a time of great sorrow as well, as people make poor choices in the way they celebrate or their decisions after graduation. Send your Holy Spirit over this place, over these young people here, and over our friends and family and community. Help each one of the young people in our community make good choices in their time of celebration. Keep us all safe and protected in your arms. I want to pray especially for.....(names of people or of situations you are aware of)