**“Drawing Near to God”**

**“Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where He prayed.” Mark 1:35**

***Quiet Time***

* ***Come near to God and He will come near to you.” James 4:8***
* **Time that you spend alone with God in His word, in Prayer, and in Worship**
* **It is a period of time you set aside each day, to spend in intimate communication with God.**
* **This will involve talking to God, and listening to God, as you prepare to be used by Him that day.**

**Seek to Enter God’s Presence**

* **(Ps. 24:3-4) “Who may ascend the hill of the Lord? Who may stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart.”**
* **(Ps. 100:4) “Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.”**
* **Ask God for grace to enter His presence and to walk with Him.**
* **Approach God properly, in faith and not feelings**
* **Declare you have crucified self.**
* **Prepare to be changed.**

**Is There Any Known Sin in Your Life?**

* **Repent of All Known Sin (Ps. 139:23-24)**
* **Put Away Any Doubtful Habit (Ps. 24:3-4)**
* **Receive God’s Forgiveness (1 John 1:9)**
* **Right Any Wrong Doen to Man (Matt. 22:39)**

**“How to Enter God’s Presence”**

**Psalms 100:4 “Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise”**

1. **Preparation Time –**

* **Plan to obey what God says to you.**
* **Bring your resources (bible, note paper, hymnal)**
* **Don’t do all the talking, plan to listen.**

1. **Confession Time -**
   * + **Confess every known sin to God**
     + **Right every known wrong to man**
     + **Be honest, God is never surprised by our actions**
     + **If sin is tolerated it will increase**
2. **Meditation Time –**
   * + **Read the word of God**
     + **Apply revealed truth**
     + **Realize where you are in your spiritual journey**
3. **Intersession Time -**
   * + **Timothy 2:1-4**
     + **Learn to pray for others**
     + **Pray for leaders over you**
     + **Express thanksgiving for others**
     + **Intercessory prayer pleases God**
4. **Petition Time –**
   * + **Pray “Thy Will be Done”**
     + **Be honest with your feelings**
     + **Crisis of faith**
     + **Praying it through**
5. **Receiving Time –**
   * + **Joy of receiving the answer**
     + **Confession of faith**
     + **Directing glory and praise**