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PRAYER PARTNERS

In our last episode, we discussed our key theological conviction - that our church plant is reliant on God, and we demonstrate this through prayer. The practical needs and necessities of planting cannot come before this conviction. Prayer must be key - for us and for our church.

As we move towards launch, we must build an army of prayer partners asking God to soften the hearts of those you're trying to reach, to give boldness and courage to our launch team, and wisdom and faithfulness to the leaders of our plant.

This army is shaped by our knowledge of who God is. God is sovereign, and longs for people to "be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth". God is working in this world; through his church displaying the wisdom of God, and his people being transformed into Christ-likeness (2 Cor 3:18), seen in their love for one another (John 13:35).

Here are 3 things we must keep in mind as we build this army of prayer partners.

First, make it clear and easy for people to join us. Every chance we get (e.g. partnership nights, one on one conversations, launch team gatherings, our website, etc.) we must invite people to partner prayerfully with us. Whichever medium we use, we must get their details to build a list of these partners.

Second, communicate specifically and regularly. We must give specific and regular updates on what is happening and what people can pray for, so that they can follow through on their willingness to partner prayerfully.





Third, ensure our prayer reflects and reinforces our biblical vision. The language and tone we use as we pray from the front and send our prayer requests communicates the vision and values of our church. As we build a prayerful culture, we must let it drip with biblical vision, a deep sense of the lost, a heart to build community and faith, and be shaped by values reflecting our distinct gospel community. Our prayer must reflect and reinforce our biblical vision.

There are many helpful technologies that help us build a culture of prayer (e.g. Facebook, WhatsApp, PrayerMate, YouVersion), but these tools will only be useful if we have a deep conviction, culture and practice of bringing all things before our heavenly father.

It begins with conviction, but it can't end there. **Our deep biblical convictions mean we know the importance and place of prayer, and so we will let our convictions shape our culture from the start.**



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