

Flood Gates
Chapter 2 Resource

Designing Your Congregation's Breakthrough Prayer Initiative

--a guide to help you with implementation--

1. [Make certain everyone on your team has read chapter 2 of *Flood Gates: Holy Momentum for a Fearless Church*.] You are the core leadership of your Breakthrough Prayer Initiative pilot team. What will be your "core team" agreements about how you will pray (individually and together), how you will team and communicate, and how you will move forward? List them here:

What kinds of breakthroughs do you dream of asking God about for your congregation, and in your individual lives? List them here:

2. Who else at your church do you believe you would like to train with this book's material in order for them to help lead and serve in your Breakthrough Prayer initiative? List their names here, as well as how you will specifically plan to train them and incorporate them:

3. What will be your pastor's role in the new Breakthrough Prayer Initiative? How will the pastor (and your pilot team) help explain to the congregation about Breakthrough Prayer so that everyone understands what it is? Discuss, then write your proposals here.

4. Make a list of what *already exists* at your church relative to prayer (meetings that include prayer, worship service prayer, prayer chains, etc.), and how you believe you could enhance, renew and advance the practice of breakthrough prayer in each setting. What could be done, and how? Be specific.

5. Is there anything at your church currently, related to prayer, that you believe should be discontinued? If so, what and when?

6. What new and unique breakthrough prayer practices (including prayer walking) could be incorporated into the life of your congregation? In worship, meetings, other times and ways? For children and teens?

7. How could answers to prayer (breakthroughs, etc.) be reported and celebrated in the life of your church? Brainstorm what would be most effective, in order to encourage the congregation with reports of God's faithfulness and provision in response to prayer.

8. Think carefully through the next 9 months. Then discuss and plan a timeline for this time period for a Breakthrough Prayer Initiative for your congregation, including prayer walking, prayer training, adding breakthrough prayer to meetings and all other gatherings, celebrating answers to prayer, a season of prayer, etc. as appropriate. Write your specific plan below, including dates and milestones for implementation. Continue to use the Breakthrough Prayer Initiative chapter from *Flood Gates: Holy Momentum for a Fearless Church* to help train others in your ministry or congregation.

9. Now close by praying together: asking God to guide, enhance and bless your vision, the responsiveness of your hearts, the joy and peace of mind, and the ongoing outplay of your Breakthrough Prayer Initiative--in order to set the stage for God to do beyond what you could ever ask, think or imagine for Christ's Kingdom Work!

VIDEO EXAMPLES of Breakthrough Prayer Initiative congregations may be viewed and downloaded at FloodGates.info under Chapter 2 Resources.