Now that the members of your prayer group have become acquainted with each other, let's become more acquainted with God who is Love. Here is one way to do this at your meetings.

PLAN FOR YOUR GROUP

Read a portion from the teachings below.Spend 5-15 minutes in silence thinking about God's Love.Out of this quiet time will come prayers and prayer requests.Share what comes to you in the silence.Pray for each other.Close with thanksgiving for God's love.

TEACHINGS ON GOD's LOVE

By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love one for another. John 13:35

A disciple is a disciplined person-one who is in training to think or perform in a certain desirable way. If we love one another in the way that Jesus loves us it means

1. We love unselfishly.

- 2. We are willing to lay down our life for another.
- 3. We see others through Jesus' eyes: full of love.
- 4. We love people unconditionally, regardless of their behaviour.

Glenn Clark, founder of CFO, wrote: "There is nothing more thrilling than for a group to come together in a laboratory of the Spirit and there discover for themselves that a ...prayer when prayed in accordance with the laws laid down by Jesus, is remarkably fulfilled. *A Man's Reach* p.307 And we receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. 1John 3:22,23

Perfect Love, obedience to the laws laid down by Jesus, and answered prayer go together.

And this is the confidence which we have in him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have what we asked of him.

I John 5:14-15

Those prayers that are prayed in love, with true integrity are the prayers that are answered and which glorify God.

PRAYER GROUP HELPS

Other Scripture verses about love which will bless your group include:

John 14:15-17I John 3:1-3John 3:16-17I John 4:7-21

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