

Wal-Mart Praying

Goal:

To teach people to pray conversational prayers (prayers in a normal tone of voice).

Instruction:

Explain the importance of being able to pray for someone in a public place. Remind them that many people they come in contact with every day do not attend church and have had no exposure to Pentecostal praying. If we prayed as we do in church we would draw attention to ourselves and would most likely scare or embarrass the person who has a need. Think of all the times we miss taking advantage of an opportunity to pray for someone. Encourage them to step out in faith when they see someone in need and ask if they would like for you to pray for them.

When we pray in our churches, it is generally a collective roar. In this roar, often our prayers are hidden. We must learn to pray sensible, clear and concise prayers. Have you ever stopped to listen to yourself pray? Sometimes it makes no sense at all. Too often our volume is greater than our content.

Divide into small groups of three or four . Set the scene up for the groups. You are at Wal-Mart and someone approaches you and asks you to pray for them.

Have each person in your group give a request, one at a time. The have the person to their left pray out loud for them in a NON-CHURCH way—just like they would if they were in the middle of Wal-Mart. The rest of the group will be silent.

Please emphasize that we are Apostolic and there is nothing wrong with the way we pray and worship in our services. It is biblical. But we also need to know how to pray clear, simple prayers when the need should arise.

For those who are shy and scared to pray, relieve their mind by reminding them the prayer doesn't have to be long and eloquent. Short and to the point sometimes works just as well.