## We Follow Jesus



21 Days of Prayer and Fasting for CC Villages In the next 21 days, the CCV Body will be in a time of Prayer and Fasting. We encourage everyone to consider their participation as the Spirit guides us. We will be praying that the Mind of Christ will continue to guide the Elders in the path toward the incoming Pastor God has prepared for us.

In the coming weeks we will pray corporately and individually for the CCV Pastors, Elders, Ministry Leaders, Worship Team, Community Leaders, and Congregants. Through prayer and fasting, we will be listening for the Voice of the Lord and His direction as we receive the incoming Pastor He has equipped for CCV. It is in Unity and Harmony that the Peace of God resides and guides ... and it all begins in humbling ourselves before the Lord.

### **PRAYER:**

Praying the Scripture avails much.

Examples:

- Lord, I want to draw near to You because I long to become more aware of Your nearness ... Your desires ... Your guidance
- Father, I know that Your thoughts and Your ways are as far away as the Heavens are from the earth ...
- Teach me Your ways so that I may walk in Your truth ...
- Bring me to the place of having an undivided heart so that I fear Your Name alone
- I want to trust in You, Lord, with all my heart and NOT lean on my own understanding of the situation ... in all my ways I want to act on my knowledge of You ... so that I am aware of the path You have made before me ... and before CCV

### **LET'S PRAY FOR:**

- the incoming Pastor to recognize that God has equipped him to pastor
  CCV for such a time as this
- the transitions that 'change' always carries along with it [for the incoming Pastor as well as for the CCV congregation]
- Pastor Steve and Roz as they prepare for the path and plan that God has next for them

### FASTING:

- Draws us nearer in our awareness of God's presence ... [because He never leaves us]
- Resets our soul and renews us from the inside outward
- Creates responsiveness to what truly matters in life
- Prepares our hearts for what God has in store for us
- Enables us to celebrate the goodness and mercy of God ... in spirit and truth!

The timing of your fast is not as important as the strength of your focus on God through prayer as you fast.

# For those who desire both inward and outward impact:

- Realizing this will be a humbling intervention in your life
  - Humble yourself in the sight of the Lord and He will lift you up
  - God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble
- Remembering the Bible says "when you fast" ... "when you pray" ... not "if"
- Understanding this cannot be done effectively apart from the work of the Holy Spirit Who was sent to us to help us in our time of need
- Knowing the power and release of the Holy Spirit within you will come though you and beyond you

#### **SCRIPTURES:**

Matthew 6:16-18 Luke 18:9-14 Acts 27:33-37 2 Thessalonians 3:16 Romans 15:30 Colossians 4:3