

## CONNECT Group Study Guide: The Importance Of Early Morning Prayer.

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Since Christian Service is based on Christ's life, love and anointed wisdom flowing through the believer, a personal program of prayer must be based upon the principles laid out in God's Word. Isaiah 50:4-5 says, *"The Lord hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary: he wakeneth morning by morning, he wakeneth mine ear, and I was not rebellious, neither turned away back."*

If a Christian is to have spiritual food to give to others in his daily service for Christ, he must get his "Manna" at God's prescribed time. The children of Israel were required to get their manna before the sun rose and melted it; otherwise they starved for the day. If a Christian seeks "first the Kingdom of God" regarding his time, he must pay a tithe or "first fruits" of his time through prayer before he starts his day.

The great men of the Bible, as well as of Church history, were early risers who attributed their power to early prayer or the Morning Watch. Christ's ability to do the will of His Father came because "A great while before day, He rose up and went out . . . into a desert place, and there prayed." Mary Magdalene was honoured as the first Christian to see the resurrected Christ, because she rose early.

To those who find that they lack the Christian love to make their lives fruitful, Christ says, "Let us get up early ... there will I give thee my love" Song of Solomon 7:12 ~ Bob - (the power of early morning prayer)

Pastor Aaron

### 1. Exodus 16:21      Psalm 57:8-11      Psalm 63:1-5      Isaiah 50:4

Is early morning prayer commanded implicitly or explicitly in the bible? Give reasons for your answer

### 2. Isaiah 50:4      Daniel 10:12-14      Psalm 119:147-148      Mark 1:35-37 Luke 5:12-16      Revelation 2:1-7

Why is prayer and in particular early morning prayer important to our development as Christians?

### 3. Ezekiel 36:27      1 Corinthians 9:24-27      Ephesians 1:16-21

How can we develop the habit of early morning prayer?

**Prayer Points:** We are still praying for wells of refreshing for our church & city this month so please make some time to pray on this topic. Please focus on the new academic year, that God will use us to receive many more people into His kingdom. Please also pray for Herne Bay and the possibility of a church plant there.