

# **21 DAYS OF PRAYER & FASTING**

*with Second Baptist Church of Doylestown*

**DAY 21 - SEPTEMBER 22, 2018**

## **Expanding God's Kingdom Matthew 9:35-38, John 4:27-38**

**Reflection:** One of the key responsibilities of the church is not just to reflect the kingdom but also to expand it. As people receive the gospel of the kingdom, they are born again into the kingdom of God (John 3:3; Rom 6:17,18) and brought out of the dominion of darkness and into the kingdom of light (Col 1:12,13). The kingdom of God grows as individuals are born into it, and as they submit their lives to the authority of Jesus (Rom 12:2). As they obey Jesus, their lives come under his authority. This is one of the most important ways that the Kingdom of God grows. Being born again is the only way an individual can enter the Kingdom of God

Also as people are taught to be disciples, they become ambassadors for Christ, representing and extending the kingdom life in their homes, places of work, businesses and neighborhoods. As disciples, we become the light of the world (Matthew 5:14). As we shine our light, people are drawn to this light and hence drawn into the kingdom. Another way we expand God's kingdom by developing relationships with people and allowing the Holy Spirit to use us to meet their needs. The Bible says the whole world is in groaning (Romans 8:22). A recent gallop poll says 79% of Americans are afflicted by stress; this is an opportunity for us to minister to these people by the power of the Holy Spirit. When we do that, the Holy Spirit then draws them to Jesus through us.

### **PRAYER FOCUS:**

- 1. Thank God for the grace given to you to not just start but to complete this 21 days of fasting and prayer.**
- 2. Thank God because we know He has answered all our prayers because we know that; "this is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us." 1 John 5:14.**
- 3. Pray that God's kingdom will expand through the ministry of SBCOD.**
- 4. Pray that SBCOD will become a disciple making church that would make disciples of many nations. Matthew 28:19-20**
- 5. Pray that God will open our eyes to see the fields that are ripe for harvest both locally and internationally. John 5:35**
- 6. Pray that SBCOD members will become kingdom focused willing to partner with God in expanding the kingdom, and in bringing more souls to the kingdom.**
- 7. Pray that as a church, we will become addicted and committed soul winners who preach the gospel to all men at all cost. 1 Corinthians 9:16.**
- 8. Pray that the Lord of the harvest will raise laborers from SBCOD who He can send out into His harvest field. Matthew 9:38.**
- 9. Pray that God will empower us to become witnesses for Him everywhere we find ourselves. Acts 1:8**