

Underground Church Service

International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church

Location:

When:

Background and Description: Many of our fellow brothers and sisters around the world are not allowed to learn about Jesus, go to church or even own a Bible. They hid their faith and live in constant fear that someone will find out. But if the authorities do find out these representatives of Jesus, stand firm in their belief in Jesus and with stand much persecution. Pain, ridicule and even death is the reality they face everyday. Living in a culture where we consider church a choice, it is hard to imagine the hardships of the Persecuted Church. The best way for us to understand some of the obstacles our other church family faces is to experience a secret church meeting.

How Does it Work: We will stagger the times that participating families arrive in 5-10 minute intervals, scatter parking, and close the blinds. Our service will be quiet and short. We will learn a little more about the conditions under which the persecuted church live.

Instructions:

1. Be sure to schedule a time.
2. Be sure to schedule a parking location
3. Be sure to know which door to enter
4. Know the secret password/knock
4. Wear dark clothes
5. Bring a flashlight
6. ...DO NOT BRING A BIBLE...
7. Do not turn on the lights!
8. Leave the same order you came at staggered intervals
9. Do not leave with any Christian material

Things to Bring/ not to bring:

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- * close the blinds
- * know the secret knock/password "Friends I'm here"--"Welcome Friend"
- *Decide parking, times, and door
- *Lock the door at the beginning of the meeting

1. Whisper worship (Jesus loves me in spanish- Columbia Kids of Courage Downloads from Voice of the Martyrs)
2. Kids do a secret code of a Bible passage, a map of the world (Beatitudes...), Print several different Kids of Courage activity pack countries
3. Read from a page of the Bible: Jesus Gives Blessings (Matthew 5: 1-12)

1 Jesus saw the crowds. So he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him. 2 Then he began to teach them. He said,

3 "Blessed are those who are spiritually needy. The kingdom of heaven belongs to them.

4 Blessed are those who are sad. They will be comforted.

5 Blessed are those who are free of pride. They will be given the earth.

6 Blessed are those who are hungry and thirsty for what is right. They will be filled.

7 Blessed are those who show mercy. They will be shown mercy.

8 Blessed are those whose hearts are pure. They will see God.

9 Blessed are those who make peace. They will be called sons of God.

10 Blessed are those who suffer for doing what is right. The kingdom of heaven belongs to them.

11 "Blessed are you when people make fun of you and hurt you because of me. You are also blessed when they tell all kinds of evil lies about you because of me. 12 Be joyful and glad. Your reward in heaven is great. In the same way, people hurt the prophets who lived long ago.

4. All of us get into a jail cell and tell the story (8ft x 10ft with five people Vietnam Kids of Courage Downloads from Voice of the Martyrs)
5. Round robin whisper prayer for the Persecuted church

Websites:

<http://puzzlemaker.discoveryeducation.com/cryptogramSetupForm.asp>

<http://www.kidsofcourage.com/> (free activity pack downloads on many countries)

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Door:

knock: knock three times

Passwords: "Friends I'm here"

Password answer: "Welcome Friend"

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Parking:

Door: Front Door

knock: knock three times

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Password answer: "Welcome Friend"

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Bible Verse Code: Beatitudes

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