

Gift #1 Pray that we would be biblically based as a people.

Pray that God's word would be our authority, conscience and guide in everything. Pray that we would follow Ezra's example and 'set our heart to study the law of the Lord, and to practice it, and to teach His statutes and ordinances in Israel.' (Ezra 7:10) Pray that we would believe Pr. 3:15-17 and respond accordingly. Pray that we would not walk in the counsel of the wicked, stand in the path of sinners or sit in the seat of scoffers but that we would delight ourselves in the law of the Lord and on that law meditate both day and night.' (Ps 1:1-2) Pray that we would take the 'things which we have heard in the presence of many witnesses and entrust them to faithful men and women who will be able to teach others also.' (2 Tim 2:2) Pray that Deut 6:1-7 would be our testimony and practice.

Gift #2 Pray that we would have a love for, an adoration of and an desire to surrender to Christ in everything.

Pray that we would have a passion for Christlikeness. Pray that it would be obvious to all who know us that Jesus is Lord and head of this church, and that it is for Him that we exist. Pray that full devotion would be seen as normal for believers at Watermark. Pray that everything we do would exalt His name and further His kingdom. Pray that we would desire to emulate the attributes of Christ and increasingly be conformed to His image. Pray that we would master the Master's life and that our upcoming study of the book of Mark would deepen our awareness of what it means to be a fully devoted follower of Christ. Praise the Lord that He loves us just the way we are but too much to leave us that way...praise Him that He wants us to be just like Jesus. Pray that we could say with increasing boldness, 'Imitate me as I imitate Jesus' (1 Cor 11:1)

Gift #3 Pray that we would be aware of our need for, the benefits of and the right response to grace.

Pray that we would acknowledge our complete dependence on the goodness of God in everything. Pray that we would never forget how we ourselves have benefited from the kind intention of His will' (Eph 1:7) and that we would therefore eagerly extend it to others. Praise God that 'He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.' (Ps 103:10) Pray that we would be known as a people who boast about nothing but the goodness, mercy and grace of God in our lives.

Gift #4 Pray that we would be consistent in our passion for prayer.

Pray that we would consistently pray and make petitions on behalf of all men, for kings who are in authority, in order that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. (2 Tim 2:1-3) Pray for our first Saturday of the month prayer time (we meet for the first time next Saturday, 6:30-8 pm at the Watermark offices) that it would become a consistent time of encouragement, community and worship for our body.

Gift #5 Pray that authenticity, integrity, openness and sincerity would define us.

Pray that Watermark members would be known by the fact that the goal of our instruction is love, from a pure heart, a good conscience and a sincere faith. Pray that we would be driven by our genuine love for God and others, not selfish gain, ulterior motives or opportunism. Pray that we would be free from hypocrisy. Pray that our lives would answer the questions the world is asking: 1) Do you love me? 2) Are you real? 3) Does it work?

Gift #6 Pray that we would be committed to the uncommitted.

Pray that we would be active in sharing our faith, so that we will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ. (Philemon v.6) Pray that our 'light would shine before men in such a way that they will see our good works and glorify our Father who is in heaven'. (Matt. 5:16)

Pray specifically and by name for lost friends, neighbors, co-workers and family.

For the unchurched and dechurched: Pray that we would learn to love them, develop authentic relationships and friendships with ever more of them. Pray that we would always treat them as people and not as projects. Pray that God would cause us to weep at the thought of them living another day without Christ. Pray that we would be a community of salt and light that God would choose to use to draw His sheep to Himself. Pray that this would be a