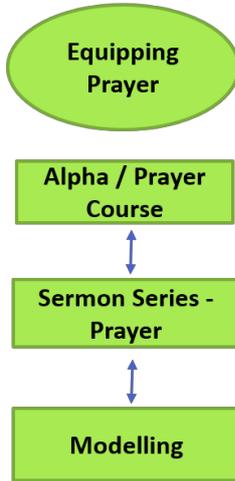


## Equipping Prayer - What is it?



We want to develop more than just a “prayer program” at Lakeside but rather a “prayer culture”. We want to grow in both our understanding of prayer and a reliance on prayer.

Everyone is at different stages on their faith journey in regards to prayer. Some people have mastered Paul's instruction to “*pray without ceasing*” while others struggle to pray in large groups, or maybe even some ask the question ‘why even pray? does it make a difference?’

Therefore, in developing a “prayer culture” it is essential that we equip people in their understanding and reliance on prayer. We will endeavour to do this through training and teaching. Training people with a Biblical understanding of prayer, through training courses such as the Prayer Alpha Course, preaching series and general preaching on prayer.

Alongside training we want to **model prayer** – encourage the people of Lakeside to pray for each other when they feel led to, demonstrating this inside of our Sunday gatherings, life groups and many meetings; modelling prayer before and after our Sunday gatherings by the leadership and staff.

We will model prayer by hearing how God answers prayers, this will involve the sharing of stories and giving glory to God for these answers to prayer. We want to Own and Grow what God is doing in our lives and ministries.

## Leadership Prayer - What is it?



All the Staff, Management Team and Ministry team leaders are committed to upholding, covering and saturating the ministry of Lakeside in prayer. Both during their individual and private prayer times and in prayer groups, with a focus in supporting the Lakeside prayer ministry and developing a “culture of prayer” at Lakeside. The leadership team is committed to growing in reliance on prayer.

The staff meet weekly to pray, as well as having quarterly prayer and fasting days. The entire leadership comes together on a regular basis to pray and seek God.