

Breathless
PRAYING BEYOND OURSELVES

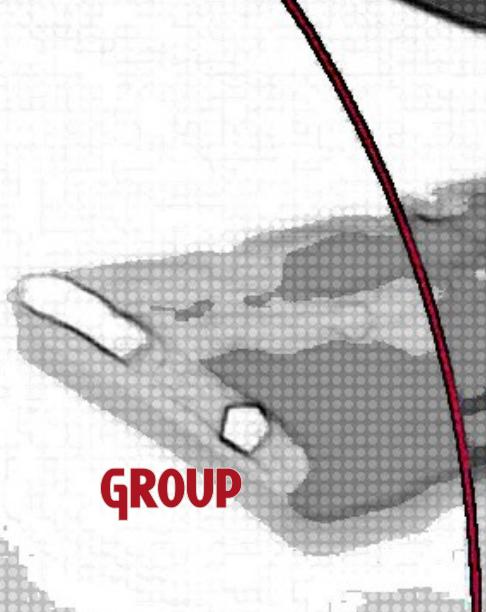
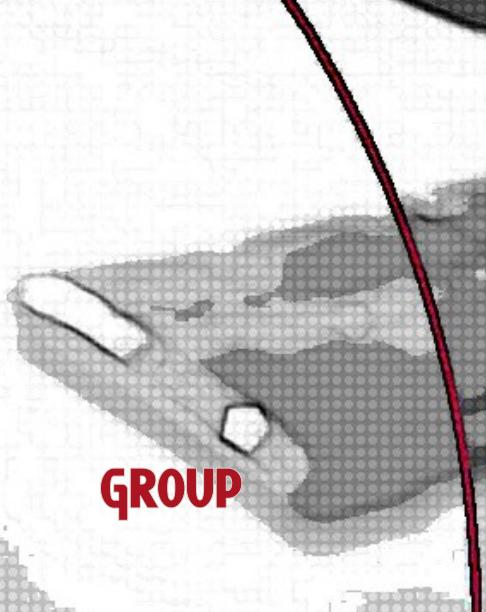
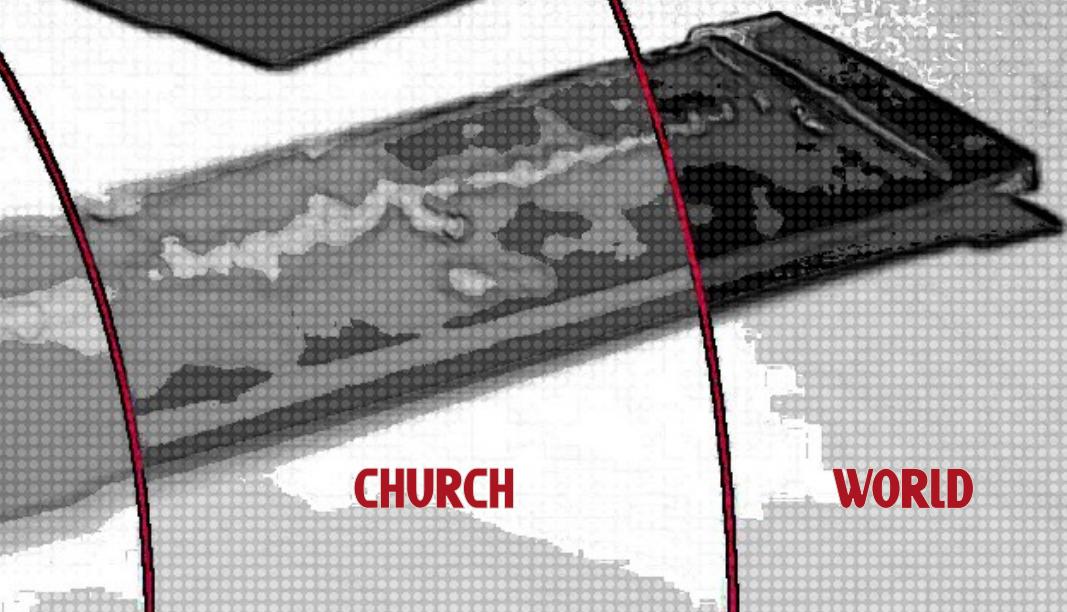
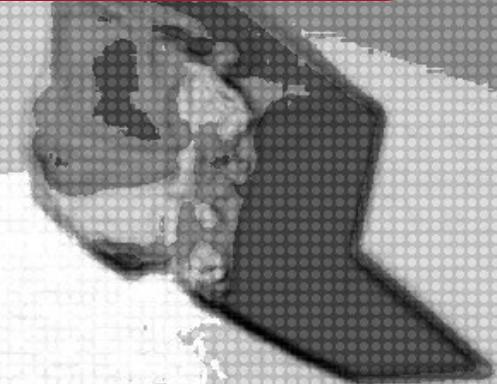
TO REACH THE
WORLD

SELF

GROUP

CHURCH

WORLD



A final breath...



Lighting of the Candle...

Read John 20:21-2

"Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

Together, recite the Lord's Prayer
(see right)



Confession...

Consider your personal sins. In your mind name them specifically. Now pray Romans 5:8, "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

Now praise God. His love covers us our actions yesterday, today, tomorrow!

Meditating over the scripture...

Read Nehemiah 8:1-12 (See Insert ~ Jumping Ahead...)

1. The book of the Law is the first five books of our Old Testament. Imagine reading that for five hours—could you echo the end of verse three???

2. Has scripture ever broken you? ... Does anything keep you from being broken?

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth as it is
in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass
against us,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

3. Chandler Focus: The people are weeping because they have not fulfilled God's desires, but the leaders tell them to celebrate (v9-10) - Why? (God wants them to change, but the Creator is still teaching them, still with them!) ~ At Chandler is the "JOY of the Lord our strength"? (v10)



Divide into pairs and pray over each other...

[Note this person on your card. Then note the people you have prayed for each week. Challenge: Pray over these names ALL summer!]



Voiced prayer for our church...

◆ Focus: A Working Vision for Chandler



A time of silence...

Reread John 20:21-2: "Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

Then silently pray that Chandler will move beyond the walls of our building. That we will take the breath of Christ—the Spirit—to transform the world.

Service Concludes when the candle is extinguished.



*Take one last DEEP breath...
... Breathe is over for the summer.*