

PRAYING WITH FAVORITE VERSES

Time: 45 Minutes

My hope in your word – *PSALM 119:81*

RESOURCES

- * Sheet of 8 ½ x 11 inch card stock per participant
- * Marker per participant
- * Removable putty
- * Stack of sticky notes per participant
- * Bible per participant
- * Music to play

BACKSTORY

William Tyndale opposed church leaders who believed others should not own and read Bibles. Tyndale smuggled pages of the Bible in bales of cotton after he translated them into the English language. His translation of the Bible cost Tyndale his life. He was strangled and then burned at the stake. His last words were a prayer that God would open the eyes of the King of England. Three years later that king, Henry VII, published the English “Great Bible.”

PROCEDURES

1. Read the backstory.
2. *Say: This prayer session is a time to treasure God’s word, to acknowledge that our hope is in the Word of God.*
3. Invite participants to find a place alone to peruse their Bibles and think about one of their favorite verses.
4. Play music as they work and provide each participant with a sheet of cardstock, a marker, and a stack of sticky notes.

5. Invite participants to do the following:
 - Write one of their favorite verses on their cardstock.
 - On a sticky note, write why they like the verse they chose.
6. Ask participants to stick the note on the cardstock and post this set on one of the walls around the room with removable putty.
7. Invite participants to “visit” each other’s verses and use sticky notes to write a prayer (of any genre) based on each verse and to post the prayer near the verse. Encourage participants to read each other’s prayers.
8. When the time is right, ask participants to stand by their verses. As a closing exercise, invite each participant to read the verse aloud.