



## ALTAR Training

**A- Ask:** “Can I pray with you?” “How can I pray for you?”  
“Is there anything that you need prayer for?”

**L- Listen:** First to what God is saying, then to what is being said.  
Remember: Sometimes there is a deeper issue than the first thing people say- don't pry, but pray.

**T- Touch:** Best practice is always men with men/ women with women.  
A simple hand on the shoulder is an appropriate gesture in prayer.

**A- Ascend:** Pray for God to move in the person's area of need.  
Elevate God, not the situation. Avoid “christianese”.

**R- Refer:** After praying with them make sure they have filled out a “connection card” and introduce them to an appropriate life group or ministry leader. If you led them to or they gave their life to Christ for the first time, encourage their next step [offer a Blue Book, mentorship, etc.]

**Best Practices:** Always pray before the altar call-be prepared. Pray for discernment- altar ministry is a spiritual battlefield. Many encounters involve people in very sensitive moments or in other difficult circumstances. Be sensitive to the unique situations you encounter. Don't be hesitant to ask for help or support. It's ok to not have all the answers. Recognize the seriousness of a person's response to an altar call. Point people to Jesus!