Boiler Room Manual & Stations
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Introduction

The reason for this booklet is to give more ideas of different stations that can be put into a Boiler Room. The idea is not that all of these stations should be in each Boiler Room, but rather provide the reader or Boiler Room facilitator with more ideas so he/she can change or alternate the stations in a Boiler Room that runs 24-7.

This booklet is by no means a complete guide on this matter. Rather it is to serve as a creative stimulant of what we have seen in different Boiler Rooms so far. Some of the ideas would work better with young people, other ideas will be better when working with adults etc.

We trust that this simple effort will inspire you to teach others to set up Boiler Rooms and also for yourself to have fresh ideas on maintaining the prayer momentum in your own Boiler Room, church, prayer room etc.

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What is a Boiler Room:

Boiler Rooms are engine rooms driving God’s purposes forward. Generally they are right at the heart of messed-up communities. Some people describe them as “Gen-X monasteries” because of the youth vibe and similarities with the ancient Celtic monastic movements. Although we fall way short of those radical prayer communities, we do find ourselves gathering to do many of the same things. The heart is the same but the clothes are new. “The monasteries of Celtic Christianity were where things happened! These were a combination of commune, retreat, house mission station, hotel hospital, school, university, arts and power house for the local community – a place not only of spiritual energy but also of hospitality, learning and cultural exchange.” (Ian Bradley)

The Boiler Room is a youth initiative seeking to establish a praying community.

Vision
To raise up a new generation of radical worshipers to change the destiny of their world through a lifestyle of prayer.

The Values

1. Radical OBEDIENCE to the Holy Spirit - Like Jesus, we seek to do what we see the Father doing. We acknowledge his right to break our rules and offend our sensibilities (John 5:19; Psalm 127:1; John 3:8).

2. RELATIONAL - We are a community of friends with shared vision and values, driven by friendship rather than function (John 15:14-15; Luke 10:1-22; 1 Peter 4:7-11; 1 John 4:7-12).

3. INDIGENOUS - We respect, value and honour cultural diversity (Revelation 7:9-10; Daniel 1; 1 Corinthians 9:20-21).

4. INCLUSIVE - We work with anyone sharing our vision and values, regardless of race, age, gender or church background. We build unity and enjoy diversity (Colossians 3:11; Ephesians 4:3-6).

5. LIKE JESUS - We seek to be like Jesus in the way we do what we do. For us, the means do not necessarily justify the ends (2 Cor 3:16-18).

6. DEEPLY ROOTED - We are committed to growth in maturity rather than size (Psalm 1:1-3).
7. **CREATIVE** and **INNOVATIVE** - We embrace God-inspired creativity as integral to authentic expressions of prayer *(Exodus 35:30-35; Genesis 1:1-2; Psalm 45:1; Proverbs 8:22-31).*

8. **JUST** - We will pursue justice and freedom from oppression for humanity and the created world *(Isaiah 61; Luke 4:18-19; Romans 8:19-21; Isaiah 58).*

9. **STEWARDSHIP** - We take responsibility for ourselves, those around us and the things God has entrusted to us *(Matthew 25:14-30; 2 Corinthians 9:6-15).*

10. **SACRIFICIAL** - We believe that a lifestyle of prayer is costly at every level *(2 Corinthians 8:1-5; 1 John 3:16-18; Romans 12:1-2).*

11. **CELEBRATORY** - We believe that Jesus came to bring life to the full and that we have a Christian duty to celebrate all that is good. Fun and laughter are central to Boiler Rooms and we do not need to justify these *(Genesis 1:31; Psalm 24:1; Matthew 11:19; John 10:10).*

12. **SIMPLE** - We are a network of like-minded people, not some new slick organisation. In character we are wild and unpolished – passionate about developing people rather than our own profile *(Psalm 116:6; Luke 10:3-5; John 3:8).*

**We passionately believe in the connection between prayer, creativity and missions.**

The **keys** that define a Boiler Room are:-

1. Continuous prayer *(1 Thess. 5:17).* By having different stations/focuses around a room, for example, a place for worship, thanksgiving, prayer for the lost, your community and the Nations, it becomes a place to meet with the Lord and so should reflect something of who God is.

2. Creativity, like music, dance, poetry, painting and sculpture *(Ex.35:30-35, Ps.150).*

3. Serving the poor, partnering with local projects to minister to the poor *(Isa.58:6-7).*

4. Community outreaches *(1 Pet.4:7-8).*

5. Missions: prayer mobilizes effective missions, and makes the pray-er more sensitive to the needs of those who don’t know Jesus *(Matt.28:19-20).*

We are a visually stimulated generation so we believe a prayer experience in a Boiler Room will be an inspiration to all, and will give glory to God.

**Goal:** To equip young people to learn about prayer by giving them an opportunity to pray.

**Introduction to the practical stuff:**

We will try to answer all your most practical questions and help you run the wildest prayer meeting ever! God will make it happen!
- Boiler Room is for groups who know that God is calling them to pray… but are bad at it! This will take normal, disorganised people and teach them to pray – by praying.
- Boiler Room is particularly focused on young people (the church family’s missing generation) but anyone of any age can join in. Keep it simple

God asks us to **PRAY** and he asks us to **OBEY**.

We get so complicated with our conferences, books and theories. Jesus comes along and says "**Come**" and "**Go**".

‘**Come**’ and hang out, **come** and pray………………
Then ‘**Go**’ and make a difference……………………

All you really need to do is find a room, mobilise some people and start to pray.

**Planning your Boiler Room (First key - Continuous prayer)**

**(a) How long should we go for:**
- It can be a few hours (ex. an evening), or a weekend or a week. Some will even have prayer running 24-7.
- It is important to communicate your plan effectively in order to motivate people.
- This is meant to be a challenge, so don’t be too cautious in your planning. However, if in doubt, go for a week and end up doing two rather than planning big and then quit after a time.
- You may see the Boiler Room as a part of the bigger picture of your church/community, this may influence the period of time (in combination with an event).

**(b) Why do we need a place of prayer:**
- The Holy Spirit can fill a place as well as a person (**Acts 2:2**).
- The sense of God’s presence after many hours of prayer makes prayer easier and the time pass much quicker. (One hour feels like ten minutes, where-as at home often ten minutes feels like an hour). The ancient Celts called it “thin places” where the veil between heaven and earth becomes so fine that prayer is easier.
- Our culture is looking for holy places – location of sanctuary and spirituality.
- Evangelistically the Boiler Room is excellent. People who don’t want to be preached at may still like to be prayed for.
- Creative and unusual environments can be highly conductive to prayer. They pray non-verbally, posting artwork, poetry and graffiti on the wall.
- It provides accountability. If you don’t turn up people will notice.
- A shared location provides a strong sense of being part of a community carrying each other’s burdens as well as celebrating breakthroughs together.
(c) **Where should we locate it:**
- Accessibility: somewhere central for those travelling at night.
- Size: Look for a room that is big enough to move around in, for groups also. A medium sized room divided into themed areas works well.
- Security: Let them pray in pairs, especially at night. Have a telephone available for emergencies (turn it off during prayer times).
- Facilities: Obviously you need toilets.
- Noise/Disturbance: Try to find a venue that is ‘neighbour friendly’, with people coming and going and music being played at all hours.

(d) **What should it look like:**
- There are no rules – only principles that help create an environment conductive to prayer. Use your imagination to create a space that glorify God and help people meet Him. Commission one or more arty persons to design the room so that it has a real impact when people step inside. (More ideas later) Share your ideas about themes. You will need a small budget for art materials etc.
- Cleanliness next to Godliness – constant maintenance will be needed, especially the creative area. Candles will burn down, pens will run out and so on. Appoint someone to daily visit the Boiler Room to top up resources, and tidy up things.
- Where candles are used, make sure that a fire extinguisher is at hand.

**Things to consider when setting up a Boiler Room:**

**Atmosphere:**

**Lighting:** Different lights will create the right atmosphere for instance fairy lights, various disco lights, coloured bulbs, candles, dark room lights and UV lights. Fluorescent lights can be covered with different colours of cellophane.

**Flooring:** Use different materials on the floor, cloth, sand, polystyrene, packaging material, matting, carpet tiles or straw - as this can totally change the whole dynamic of the Boiler Room.

**Materials:** Leave lots of materials that people can use to make things like cloth, clay, paints, paper, wallpaper paste, sellotape, staple gun, stapler, scissors, string, ribbons, egg boxes, used bottles, pieces of driftwood, buckets with sand, seeds, water, stones.

**Video:** Have a video of your town or community so people can pray as they see the images. Record the news and play it on video. Record a video at your local nightclub, and then have that playing for prayer.
Places of Prayer and Theme Walls:
Repentance and forgiveness

Our approach to God's throne should always start with repentance and forgiveness. God's word says that only those with clean hands and pure hearts may come into His presence (Ps.24:4). Repentance is not to say you are sorry, it is to admit that you were wrong. We need to forgive, for Jesus himself said that He could only forgive us as we forgive others. (Matt.6:14-15).

Create a place for purification of personal sin

- Use a cross where people can sit down – "at the feet of Jesus".
- Write a note of confession and place it underneath a small rock at the cross.
- Lay a cross flat on the floor; provided with a hammer and nails and pieces of paper. People can "nail" there sins to the cross
- You can use a "sin bin", a paper shredder for shredding sins written on paper at the foot of the cross.
- Also use a bowl of water for washing your hands, symbolic of clean hands.
- Provide bread and wine for Holy Communion.

Holy spaces

- Just being in His presence, being in awe of God. Only sit and listen to what God wants to say (make notes). Pray the Word.
- This should be a place of silence. You can put up a tent for people who want to be on their own, or create a prayer cave with cardboard boxes.
- Place a "commitment box" in this area. (No one will open this box, the commitment is to God.)
- Create areas where people can wash each other's feet and break bread.

Praise and worship

- A place for creative music, song and dance as an expression of praise to God. If possible, make musical instruments, CD player and CD's, flags and banners available.

Walls

Unless you're in a windmill or a lighthouse you will probably have four walls. You can use each wall to direct people's prayers in a new direction. For example:

1) A "Welcome Wall" – Put up the themes and aims, vision and values near the door, with visual introduction.
   A 30-second audio or video recording, welcoming people will help them to focus.
A sign-up sheet to reserve one-hour shifts and phone number of the person responsible for the schedule.

2) A "Wailing Wall" - Post personal prayer requests, a bit like the Jews do, wedging their heart-cries on scraps of paper between the bricks of the old temple in Jerusalem.

You can build a "wall" by using small bricks, write your promises on pieces of paper and stick it between the bricks.

You can "build" a wall by drawing bricks with chalk on black paper and write your requests in the drawn blocks.

Clothes peg prayer: Write names of non-Christian friends, family and work/school colleagues on squares of coloured paper, use clothes pegs (and Prestic) to put them on the wall, or hang them on a wire or string. As you put yours up, pray for one already hanging.

String of prayer: Have lots of bits of string hanging from the ceiling. Staple on the bits of paper with prayer requests.

Birdseed prayer: Have a wall covered in paper, use paper glue to paint the name of a person you want to see saved on the wall. Throw birdseed at it as you pray. The birdseed will stick to the glue.

A global map can be used to pray for lost nations.

3) A "Worship Wall". This is for prayers of wonder and praise. Use three different focal points:

- "Thank You" Wall – use shapes of coloured paper, write thank you notes, stick them to the wall or window (the writing must be visible to people passing by)
- "God is……" Wall – Use the names of God to exalt Him and give him praise. Think about the character of God and what that means to us. Use sheets of paper to express what you experience. Consider what God has done in your life, match that to a Name. (Use the book "Pray the Word"). Use a blank piece of cloth on which people can spray paint the names of God provided.
- "Promises" Wall - use scripture of the promises of God, write them on pebbles, pray them and stack them in a basket or in a glass bowl. Thank God for His faithfulness. (Use the book "Pray the Word")

4) A "Reality Wall" - Pray for your school/campus, community, church, city, province and country. Also pray for leaders. Put up all the information you can find. Newspaper clippings work very well. Cut them out, stick them on the wall where it fits the focus, and pray.

5) Creativity Wall – If you are going to pray with all your energy, words alone aren’t going to be enough. We need to see a release of poetry, symbolism, dance, song, sculpture, paintings, graffiti, sounds, lighting effects and smells if we are to truly express our worship and intercession to God.
This should be a place where we want everybody to feel safe to release what God has downloaded in their lives to help us and others draw closer to God. Have paper and pencils, markers, paint etc. available. Stick artwork to the wall, others will be inspired. In exceptional locations you can graffiti right onto the walls and simply whitewash over it at the end.

6) **Nations Wall** – Pray for the nations, featuring a world map, newspaper clippings, political and social details of specific nations. Operation World is an excellent book to use (also on CD). Flags and an inflatable globe also work well. Pray for missionaries known to you.

**Other themes**
- **Furnace**: Cover the walls and ceiling in foil and with crepe paper (orange, yellow, red). Create flames coming from the ceiling and going up the walls. Put heaters on. Very simply, you have a furnace.
- **Water World**: Get hold of some water features, Create a waterfall & river effect with them. Paint the room blue and you have a refreshing prayer space.
- **Chalk prayers**: Paint the prayer space completely black, floor, ceiling and walls. Only have white paint and chalk available when people come in to pray and paint.
- **Global focus**: International flavour – have maps, pictures from magazines and newspaper articles of different nations stuck to the wall. Use news recordings on video, and videos from international charities, to pray for.

**Entrance areas**
- **Dry bones**: What about cardboard bone shaped pieces hanging down to create a valley effect to symbolise the valley of dry bones.
- **War-zone**: Using camouflage netting, sand bags, etc., create a war-zone entrance.
- **Holy ground**: Right opposite the entrance put a big sign inviting people to "take off your shoes, for this is Holy ground".
- **Books**: A book for questions – Answers must be scripture based, and must be given promptly. A book for prayer requests – If this is used, someone should be responsible for praying through the requests. A book for testimonies – Answers to prayer and life changing events.

**Other stuff**
- **A Bible and a book of prayers**: Use scripture everywhere. "Pray the Word" and other prayer guides.
- **Helpful audio and video tapes on prayer."
A local newspaper: Some symbolic objects or pictures you can place in the room to direct people’s prayers.

If your church has received any significant prophetic words or Scriptures you could make them into posters.

Use prayer quotes as posters.

Design of Boiler Room Stations:

Ask of Me
1. Focus/Purpose: Prayer for the nations of the world, Africa.
3. Needed: 2 Room divider, map of the world, map of Africa.

Reality Wall
1. Focus/Purpose: Pray for the needs of the community, nation.
2. Scriptures: Matt.18:19, Phil.4:19
3. Needed: 2 Room dividers. Banner of e.g. about HIV/AIDS, or newspaper clippings.

The Quiet Place
1. Focus/Purpose: Place to sit and reflect on God’s character, His Names. Worship Him for who He is.
2. Scriptures: Ps.95:6; SOS 2:10; Is.55:1; Rev.4:1; Matt.11:28.
3. Needed: 2 Room Divider, God's names, chairs/cushions, water fountain, plants.

Facing the Cross
1. Focus/Purpose: Time for introspection, asking the Lord to reveal any sin that hinders a deeper walk with Him. Then nail it to the cross.
3. Needed: Cross, 3 hammers, nails, and pieces of coloured paper, broomstick, and pot with soil.

A Deeper Walk
1. Focus/Purpose: Making a commitment to consecrate yourself to the Lord.
2. Scriptures: Rom.12:1-2; 2 Cor.3:18.
3. Needed: 1 Room Divider, banner of e.g. on "Mercy", paper, pens, chairs.

A Walk to Remember
1. Focus/Purpose: Building small altars to the Lord from stones to thank Him for accomplishments, breakthroughs, etc.
2. Scriptures: Josh.4:21-24; Ps.26:7; Phil.4:6-7.
3. **Needed**: small stones (50); koki pens, black plastic, broomstick, pot with soil.

*The Potter's House*

1. **Focus/Purpose**: Place where people can come and make a vessel or ornament – contemplating about God's work in their lives.
2. **Scriptures**: Isa.64:8; Rom.9:21.
3. **Needed**: Table, clay, chairs.

*Beautiful feet*

1. **Focus/Purpose**: Place where people can wash each other’s feet, pray for one another, reconciliation.
2. **Scriptures**: John 13:5; John 13:14; 2 Cor.5:18; Matt.5:24.
3. **Needed**: 6 chairs, 3 basins, 3 buckets, 3 jugs, 6 towels. Broomstick, pot with soil.

*Wall of Promise*

1. **Focus/Purpose**: People to write promises on bricks and build a wall.
3. **Needed**: Bricks (40), koki pens, plastic sheet.

*Altar of Incense*

1. **Focus/Purpose**: Place where people can bring prayer requests before the Lord concerning the lost, or any other need they have in their lives.
2. **Scriptures**: Matt.7:7; Matt.21:22; John 14:13-14; 1 John 5:15; Rev.5:8; Rev.8:3-4.
3. **Needed**: Wire, pieces of coloured paper, pens, golden bowl.

*Come Dine with Me*

1. **Focus/Purpose**: Communion table.
3. **Needed**: Table, table cloths, cups, plates, juice, bread, chairs.

*Reality Wall*

1. **Focus/Purpose**: Pray for the needs of the community and the world.
2. **Scriptures**: Matt.18:19, Phil.4:19.
3. **Needed**: Newspaper clippings, stuff to stick it to the wall, 2 small flood lights from above.

*Breaking the strongholds*

1. **Focus/Purpose**: Construct a small prison. Put a small table inside with paper, pens, a rubbish bin, candle, matches, basin and jug, towel. People can write names of unsaved
friends/family on pieces of paper, those bondages in their societies that hinders knowledge of God, e.g. alcohol, sexual addiction, pornography, idolatry, bloodshed, etc. Then burn the paper and throw it in the rubbish bin. Afterwards they can wash their hands to symbolise cleansing and deliverance.

2. **Scriptures:** John 8:32, John 8:36, Isa.61:1.
3. **Needed:** 3 Room dividers, black cloth, 14 thin pieces of wood or bamboo to construct 2 prison windows, small table, paper, pens, rubbish bin, candle, matches.

**Fishers of Men**

1. **Focus/Purpose:** Prayer for the nations of the world, your own nation. Use wheat to symbolise sowing the Word into that nation.
2. **Scriptures:** Ps.2:8, Gen.24:16, Deut.1:21, Dan.7:18, Matt.24:14.
3. **Needed:** 2 Room dividers, map of the world, map of your nation, fishing net, grains of wheat, stuff to stick it on the maps. Flood light from above to light up the maps.

**Word Watch**

1. **Focus/Purpose:** A place where people can sit and read the Word or a Psalm and reflect and meditate on what they were reading.
2. **Scriptures:** Genesis – Revelation.
3. **Needed:** Small table, chairs, 1 bedside lamp, few Bibles.

**Creative Wall**

1. **Focus/Purpose:** A place where people can write, draw or paint graffiti on a wall.
2. **Needed:** 2 Room dividers, table, and paint, pieces of paper, pins, coloured pens, and crayons.

**Short notes on other interactive prayer stations**

**Letter to a Friend**

Have as ‘table’ either a carpet or flat carton on the floor on which people can lie on their stomachs or use a regular table and chair. Supply A4/Letter paper and pens. Write a letter to Jesus, telling Him of your latest failures and successes. Ask Him the questions on your heart.

**Kneel before the King**

Create a space, curtained off for privacy, with a soft sheepskin or blanket, where people can kneel before God. Put the Names of God on the wall or write it on the floor or on pieces of paper. Use scriptures that tell about God’s character.
Parents Prayer
Put a large notice board on the wall. Write the names of your parents on a piece of paper or use a photo of them and stick it on the wall. Take a few minutes and pray for your parents, for their parenthood, for their own marriage relationship, for their challenges and for their jobs.

5/5
Create a comfortable place to sit. Pray for 5 friends in of the following 5 areas of your life: family, friends, church, community, and world.

News at 7
Create a wall covered with newspaper or Internet articles or recent happenings in the news. Put up a small TV and video recorder. Record the previous night’s broadcast news and replay in the prayer room. Choose some of the issues and spend some time praying about it.

7-Up
Put some soft cushions on the floor and provide several sets of earphones. Put these earphones on and then take 7 minutes to wait on God and ask Him what He wants you to pray for. Pray for whatever comes to your mind during that time.

U-turn
Lay out a path on the floor with one end facing the world and the other end facing God’s Kingdom. Begin in the middle and take slow steps towards the world’s end, praying for those you know that needs to turn back to God. Then turn around and walk back towards God’s end praying that they will turn their lives over to God and begin a relationship with Jesus.

2/3 Check up
Put 2/3 chairs facing each other. Pray together with 2 of your friends for each other’s needs.

I love Jesus
Create a space with the name of Jesus in different languages, handwritings, etc. on the wall. Sit in front of the wall and repeatedly express your love to Him: “I love You, Jesus.”
Joyful Noise
Use the furthest corner in the room. Provide a microphone (that are not connected) or simply a music stand. Provide a few Bibles. Sing your prayer, from the Psalms, from any scripture or just use your own words, making up your own melody.

Fame and Fortune
Create a wall with pictures of famous movie stars, musicians, sports heroes, politicians or anyone who is wealthy. Pray for them: they need Jesus and they need real love.

Poor and Needy
Create a wall with pictures of people in need: poverty, sickness, fear, without food and water, tsunami or earthquake victims. Although you do not know these people, they are also in need of Jesus’ love and of basic human needs that are not taken care of. Make a box available where people can donate food or clothing or blankets that you can later distribute to those in need. Take photos when you do it so people can see where their contributions are going to.

My World
Put a world map on the wall. Pick any country and pray for it. Try to pick one that few people would be praying for. Make the book – OPERATION WORLD – available with information concerning all the countries in the world.

As far as the East is from the West
Wait on God and ask Him to convict you of sins you need to confess, then write your sins on a piece of paper, spend some time confessing it and then either hammer it on a wooden cross that is lain on the floor, or burn it in the flame of a candle.

Green Corner
Put pictures of the environment on the wall with articles on environmental challenges. Pray for your planet. What do you think does God’s Word say on it? Ask His opinion on it? Any ideas? Write it down and stick it on the wall as well.

Dial 911
There are so many sickness and diseases in the world today. Search the Internet and find articles on the research on some of these diseases such as HIV/AIDS, cancer, malaria, autism, and other diseases. Pray for medical breakthroughs, wisdom for the researchers and honest distribution of preventive care and medicines.
Dry their tears
Pray for those you know that has experienced a trauma in their lives, such as having lost a loved one, divorce, armed robbery, orphans, etc. Write their names on a piece of paper and what is wrong, then stick it on the wall.

Wonderfully made
Put a mirror on the wall. Stand in front of it and look over your body. Thank God for everything that still works. (This gets easier as you get older!)

Down Town
As you leave the prayer room, look around you while you walk or drive home. Pray for your neighbourhood and for your neighbours. Bless them in the name of Jesus.