

What about Students Who Can't Perceive and Connect with Jesus, Even with Troubleshooting?

With the limited time available, there may be some students who are not able to perceive and connect with Jesus during the prayer ministry time at Urbana, even with troubleshooting.

If the student is still not perceiving Jesus at the point in the session when only 20 minutes are remaining, switch gears to

- Addressing their concern with other prayer ministry tools.
- Validating and attuning to any disappointment and/or distress the student might be experiencing due to not being able to connect with Jesus.
- Encouragement regarding the expectation of eventual connection (with additional troubleshooting). Sample text below.
- Sharing follow-up material regarding troubleshooting to find and resolve blockages.

Note: Depending on what seems most important to the student at this point in the session, you will sometimes want to start with validation, attunement, and encouragement regarding troubleshooting and eventual connection with Jesus, and then follow with addressing the initial concern with other prayer ministry tools.

Sample encouragement for student who is not (yet) able to perceive and connect with Jesus:

It is actually fairly common for a person receiving Immanuel prayer ministry to initially have trouble perceiving and connecting with Jesus. And

The good news is that Jesus is *always* present & wanting to connect with you. Tens of thousands of hours facilitating Immanuel prayer sessions, hundreds of hours of receiving Immanuel prayer sessions, and careful study of scripture have totally convinced me that Jesus is always with us— Jesus has been present with us in every past experience, and the Jesus is present with us now. Furthermore, my experience with Immanuel prayer has taught me that Jesus *always* wants us to be able to perceive his presence, connect with him, synchronize with him, receive from him, and be with him – Jesus always wants to establish an interactive connection with us. Therefore, if you are not initially able to perceive and connect with Jesus, we can assume that there's just something in the way.

More good news is that any blockages that are in the way can be identified and resolved, and when you do this, you will become able to perceive and connect with Jesus' living, loving, personal, interactive, life-giving friendship presence. I therefore encourage you to work very persistently to expose and resolve any blockages. (In some situations the blockages can be complicated, and quite a bit of work might be required to find and resolve them; but in almost every situation, persistent troubleshooting eventually enables the person to perceive and connect with Jesus.)

Again, the really short summary is that Jesus is always with you, and always wants to connect with you. If this doesn't happen initially, then there is just something in the way. And when you find and resolve the blockages, you will perceive and connect with Jesus.

Also, Dr. Lehman has made several resources available for free download, if you want more information about how to find and remove blockages. Both this link and scan code will take you to a really short (1 page) document that summarizes some of the things I have just said, and that also has links to the resources from Dr. Lehman:

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