## **Creating a Free On-Call Help Line**

Assembling an On-Call Team to Respond to Situations at a Moment's Notice

By implementing a Google Voice phone number for your 24-Hour Prayer Tent, participants can text or call that number if they have any questions or situations where they will need assistance.

The beauty of a Google Voice number is this: you can connect up to **6 people** from your core team to this phone number, who will all receive a phone call or text at the exact same time (in real-time)! This allows the person who's most available on your team to respond quickly to:

- 1. Answer questions coming from participants
- 2. Resolve situations requiring immediate attention
- 3. Respond to the need for ministry help
- 4. Address threats to the safety of those involved in the Prayer Tent



**STEP 1:** Visit <u>www.google.com/voice</u>

**STEP 2:** Choose an area code near you, search for available phone numbers in your general area, and select the number you desire to use for your Prayer Tent.

**STEP 3:** Verify with your existing phone number

**STEP 4:** Once you're logged in, click the gear-wheel icon (top right-hand side) to visit the "Settings"

**STEP 5:** Add a "New Linked Number," and be sure that each person you add is willing to be part of the On-Call Team. You will want to be actively communicating with them around the same time.

In order to add their number, you will need to input a confirmation code, which they will receive either by text or an automated call from Google Voice.

**STEP 6:** Record an automated voicemail message for those who call the 24-Hour Prayer Help Line!

**STEP 7:** Be sure that the boxes are checked to forward messages & calls to each number!