

WORSHIP SERIES

Third Rhythm: Corporate Prayer

Sermon Texts

- Acts 1:14; 2:42
- Matthew 6:5-6

Sermon Recap

The corporate gathering of God's people to pray is one of the primary means God uses to increase our experience of his presence in our lives.

Sermon Highlights

Misunderstanding God's love, our pride, and being unaware of the spiritual war are major barriers to our feeling the need to pray together.

Corporate prayer advances God's kingdom and work, teaches one another how to pray, and bolsters our faith in Christ.

Other Resources

David Mathis on group prayer: [Nine Profits of Praying in Company](#)

Desiring God article: [How to Pray in a Group](#)



Study Questions

- 1. Introduction (optional):** open with prayer. Have you ever had uncomfortable experiences praying with people? Why do you think we feel so uncomfortable praying with others?
2. In the sermon it was said that there are 3 major barriers to praying together: (1) misunderstanding God's love for us, (2) our pride, and (3) being unaware of the spiritual battle that exists. Which of these 3 can you identify with most? Why?
3. Do you find yourself hindered by something else besides these 3 barriers? What are they? Why are they such barriers?
4. Some of the things that praying together does are: (1) advances God's kingdom work, (2) teaches one another to pray, and (3) bolsters our faith in Christ. Have you experienced any of these before? Why do you think corporate prayer does this?
5. Can you think of any other benefits of praying together?

Family Discipleship

Questions: find time throughout the week to discuss a couple of the questions.

Do you like praying with other people? Why or why not?

Why do you think God would want us to pray together as a family?

What are ways that we encourage each other to pray with each other more?

Practical Helps

Think through pockets of time that you could begin praying together as a family. Do what works best for your family.

Think of creative ways that you could free space for each other to attend corporate prayer at CAB.

Post prayers on the wall, whiteboard, or billboard in your house.

Sound Bites: helpful sayings that summarize points from sermon.

God accomplishes his plans through our prayers.

Moments: these are tips on how to find moments to discuss the previous sermon.

Consider teaching your children what you are praying for and why you are praying for those things before you pray with them. This may help them to understand the purpose a little more than mere routine.

6. How do you think regularly praying by yourself and with others would cultivate a greater sense of humility in your heart and mind?

7. What are some practical ways that you can begin cultivating a greater sense of urgency in praying with others?

8. One of the main reasons that churches dwindle is because they stop praying together? Why do you think this is?

9. Take some time to read the Lord's Prayer together, asking people to specifically pray one thing from the Lord's Prayer that they feel God is impressing upon their hearts. Give people plenty of time to pray, and remind everyone that a little "awkward silence" is perfectly okay in waiting for people to pray.

Going Deeper (optional)

1. Read Philippians 1:1-11. What are different ways that Paul references prayer? What does this passage reveal to you about the importance of prayer, community, and spiritual growth in Christ?

2. Read Ephesians 1:17-19. What are the various things that Paul prays for? Does he stress the inner or outer life in his prayer? Why do you think this is?

