

Praying Together

GOD IS DELIGHTED WHEN WE UNIFY IN PRAYER TOGETHER. (Matthew 18:19-20)

Unity is agreement.

Unity is not to be taken for granted.

Unity brings answers.

GOD IS EVIDENT WHEN WE PRAY TOGETHER.

God is always with me individually. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

God is also with us as a group. (2 Corinthians 6:16, Acts 4:29-31)

GOD GIVES BENEFIT TO ALL WHEN WE PRAY TOGETHER (1 Corinthians 14:13-19)

Believers give voice to prayers and praise when together.

Believers were enlightened and uplifted by prayer and praise when together.

"In each of my friends there is something that only some other friend can fully bring out. By myself I am not large enough to call the whole man into activity. I want other lights than my own to show all his facets. Now that Charles is dead, I shall never again see Ronald's reaction to a specifically Charles joke...in this, friendship exhibits a glorious resemblance to heaven. For every soul, seeing Him in her own way, doubtless communicates that unique vision to all the rest. 'Lewis is saying that it took a community to know an individual. How much more would this be true of Jesus?'" - Tim Keller on CS Lewis

CORPORATE PRAYER CONDUCT

Pray long in private; short in public.

Pray for one thing at a time.

Pray short but often as the Spirit leads.

Considerations for the week

Do you pray with others? Why or why not?

How often and in what situations do you turn to God in prayer with your family or others united in prayer?

Read Acts 2:42-47 and 4:32-35. What did the church in Acts have that the church today often times does not seem to have?

Attend a weekly prayer meeting on Wednesday night or Sunday evening for example.

How should we pray in unity for God's presence to be made know more fully in the church today?

Why has the church today not seen God's glory more consistently and more powerfully?

- a. We have neglected prayer.**
- b. We have lowered our vision**
- c. We have forgotten that God's standard is His glory.**
- d. All of the above.**