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Week 4:

# Corporate Prayer Ministry prayer

#### Last 3 Weeks:

Walking with God produces prayer.

God rewards obedient seeking through prayer and fasting.

We approach our Father-Lord about our lives and his kingdom simultaneously.

## Reasons not to pray together:

- 1. Getting what you ask for
  - 2. Saying something embarrassing
- 3. Feeling unspiritual by comparison
  - 4. Feeling humiliated when nothing happens

Since we have more inhibitions in corporate prayer, we can convince ourselves it is a secondary type of prayer,

but it is the **primary mode** of biblical prayer.

We should constantly pray with and for each other.

#### Why is praying with others so important?

1. Corporate and ministry prayer is the primary form of biblical prayer.

"Our Father..."

"love *your* enemies and pray for those who persecute *you*" Matthew 5:44

Acts, Epistles, James 5...

#### What are we supposed to be doing?

2. Praying together is part of ministering to each other.

#### James 5:

- 1. Praising God for the good
- 2. Praying to God about trouble
- 3. Praying to God for healing
- 4. Confessing and praying for forgiveness and reconciliation

#### How do we do it practically?

3. Pray toward God - but understand people

#### practical instructions:



#### Worship Services and Prayer Meetings

body posture mental focus appropriate emotional response

a few thoughts on people "working themselves up" in prayer

#### Small Group Prayer

save at least 20 minutes requests no longer than five minutes

3 rules:

- 1. The prayer request is in the room.
- 2. What would Jesus' prayer request for me be?
- 3. What is all of HPC or the whole church in Madison praying for?

#### Mentoring or Friend Meetings

"Let's pray right now."
"Can I pray right now?"

With a Non-Christian: Ask to pray, or pray later and ask them about the situation to follow-up.

# Family Prayer

"Be at this table at 7:20 AM."

#### One-on-One Ministry Prayer

Pray first, then counsel if appropriate.

# Congregational Care and Ministry Meetings

Go to the prayer training!

# Mission Trips

Specific prayers that are both bold and true to a theology of suffering

## Ministry Prayer with Kids

Use bedtime to debrief the day and pray.

Use every opportunity to pray.

Pray at least half as much as you teach.

thank God for the good

pray about trouble

# Pray with and for each other

seek all of God's good things - including healing

(Linked)

confess and seek forgiveness and reconciliation

#### Ephesians 3:12

In [Jesus] and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

