

Great Commission Movement of Ghana

Prayer Training Series

LESSON 5

The Power of Corporate Intercession

Biblical Foundation: Leviticus 26:8

Corporate prayer is simply praying together as the body of Christ in agreement. It is corporation with God to bring about His plan.

How important was corporate prayer to the early church?

The early church met regularly to learn the doctrines of the apostles, break bread, and prayed together (Acts 2:42). Corporate prayer edifies and unifies us as we share our common faith; and also knit us together in a unique bond of fellowship and creates sincere intercessory pleas on behalf of others.

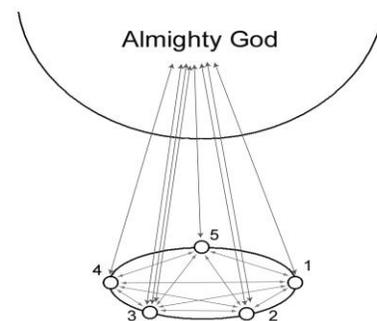
Through Corporate prayer, the early church experienced great revivals, saw captives loosed from bound chains (Acts 12:2). It also brings about discipleship. As people of different level and stages in life, praying together we learn from each other.

What do the following passages say about praying together:

1. Acts 4:24-31
2. Psalm 50:1,5,15
3. Matthew 18:19-20

How does corporate prayer work?

The graphic to the right shows the potential of corporate prayer. The circle at the top represents our infinite God. The one at the bottom represents a prayer group. Everyone in the group is important to the strength of the group. When the first person prays, God hears. Each person is influenced by the others spiritual insights and faith. There is therefore an exponential growth nourished by:



1. Holy Spirit Zechariah 12:10
2. Scripture 2 Timothy 3:16,17
3. Worship John 4:23
4. God's Objectives 1 John 5:14,15;
1 Timothy 2:1-4
5. Faith Hebrews 11:6

6. Number of intercessors Psalm 50:1,5,15
7. Preparation Philippians 4:9
8. Expectancy Colossians 4:2
9. Purity 1 Peter 3:12

10. Unity Acts 1:14
11. Participation Acts 4:24
12. Obedience 1 John 3:22
13. Time Isaiah 40:31
14. Joy Psalm 16:11

Personal Reflection

What has the Lord been saying to you during this session?

What potential do you see in having a very significant prayer movement?

Practical Step

What should my role be in starting a prayer movement?

What beginning steps should I take?

Prayer Response

Gracious father, thank you for your power when we come together to pray. Increase the spirit of prayer throughout my community. Help raise up prayer leaders who will assemble believers together to prayer for all people to fulfill the Great Commission. Give me opportunities to share what I am learning with individuals and other prayer groups. In Jesus' name. Amen