

WEEK 4
PRAYING
WITH ONE
ANOTHER

WE ARE
GOD'S
FAMILY
ON MISSION TOGETHER

SERIES BIG IDEA:

We are God's family on mission together loving Jesus, becoming like Jesus, and sharing Jesus to build up Christ-centered families by wrapping God's family around your family.

God is with us.

God's Spirit lives within those who trust in Jesus as Savior and confess Him as Lord.

The church cannot forget that God is within us through His Holy Spirit.

¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven.

²⁰ For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.

Matthew 18:19-20 (NIV)

When at least two of God's family are gathered on Jesus' mission and under His authority, God is with them.

When at least two of God's family agree in prayer about anything that fulfills Jesus' mission, God the Father will hear them and will do great things.

God is eager to see us gather together, and He is eager to hear that we believe He can work on our behalf.

God chooses to work through the prayers of His children.

TEACHING BIG IDEA:

We are sharing Jesus by praying with one another.

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles.

Acts 2:42-43 (NIV)

We must be devoted to praying together to share Jesus.

Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk."

Acts 3:6 (NIV)

²⁴ When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God...²⁹ Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. ³⁰ Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus." ³¹ After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

Acts 4:29-31 (NIV)

³² All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. ³³ With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all ³⁴ that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales ³⁵ and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

Acts 4:32-35 (NIV)

God's grace powerfully works within us and through us when we are devoted to praying together.

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Do I believe that God works when we pray together?

WE PRAY FOR:

- God's kingdom to come.
- God's will to be done.
- God to meet our daily needs.
- God to give us the grace to forgive.
- God to give us the power to say "no" to temptation.
- God to heal.
- God to save.
- Everything because God is with us.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:4-7 (NIV)



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TEACHING SUMMARY:

It is easy to tell people, "I'll pray for you." It takes more courage to ask, "May I pray with you right now." The church is God's family who knows that God is with us when we gather together.

When we gather together, we can share Jesus and God's power with one another by praying together. However, we pass up the opportunities to pray with each other for many reasons. Maybe it's an insecurity, a lack of knowledge, or a lack of time. For some, it may be that we don't believe God works through our prayer.

Jesus teaches that God is present in the smallest gathering of two. He teaches that God is eager for us to join God in His work through prayer. When the church joins God in His work by praying with one another, God works within us and through us and He is glorified. We must be devoted to praying together to share Jesus.

TALK-IT-OVER:

What is something you hear people complain about?
What is something you complain about?

Why does it seem our default is complaining rather than praying?

What is something that you need to be praying about and submitting to Jesus rather than complaining about and trying to control?

What is a next step you need to take today?

Who do you need to tell about what you've learned?

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING:

- Day 1) Job 33:1-14
- Day 2) Psalm 135:5-6
- Day 3) 1 John 3:19-24
- Day 4) Matthew 6:9-13, 26:39
- Day 5) John 6:38, 7:16-18
- Day 6) John 6:39-40; Matthew 7:21-23