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Title:

Praying with Others.

Text: John 17:22-23

“The Christ in his own heart is weaker than the Christ in the word of his brother; his own heart is uncertain, his brother’s is sure.” Dietrich Bonhoeffer

“By praying with friends, you will be able to hear and see facets of Jesus that you have not yet perceived...knowing that the Lord is communal and cumulative, we must pray and praise together. That way, ‘The more we share the heavenly bread between us, the more we shall all have.’” Tim Keller

1 - Praying specifically with others, perfects us in unity. Verse 23a

Prayer isn’t meant to bend God to our will. Prayer is how we ask for, cooperate with, and rejoice in God’s plan.

- The power in corporate prayer is in its ability to unify us around God’s will.

This produces:

1 John 5:14-15

1. Confidence,
2. Praying His will,
3. Receptivity, (eagerness on God’s part)
4. Answered prayer.

2 - Praying with others raises the measure of our faith to believe God for more than our situation merits. Ephesians 3:20-21

So often we want our faith to grow to the point where we can believe God for the answer.

- God is intending us to grow to the point where our faith is beyond what is needed for our situation.

He is able to do *far more abundantly beyond!!!*

- This exhaustive measure of faith is available through the *power that is within us...*
- We must be praying with one another!

3 - Praying with others turns the anxious wanderings of uncertainty into the propulsion of boldness, power, and experience in the Christian walk. Acts 1:14

- The disciples had no idea what was next...so they prayed!

When we find ourselves in the middle of situational uncertainty...join a prayer meeting!

Praying with the body of Believers is:

- Faithfully infectious. (Contagious Faith!)
- Inspirationally motivating. (Acts 1:15)
- Organizationally productive. (Acts 1:23)
- Situationally positioned! (Acts 2:1-2)



Connect with someone in this church and pray with one another every single day this week. Either meet in person or pray on the phone, but pray corporately. Join Pastor's Prayer on Friday morning!