

## Praying With Others

### I. God's Desire Is To Build A Family

- a. God doesn't just want to meet with you personally, He wants to build His household, His family. He's gathering a people, not just individuals.

*(Ephesians 2:19 NASB) "So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household."*

*(1 Peter 2:5 NASB) "You also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."*

- b. When we pray together, we're participating in what God is building, a unified body that reflects His glory in ways we never could alone.

*(Matthew 18:20 NASB) "For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst."*

*(Acts 2:42 NASB) "They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer."*

### II. Others See What You Can't

- a. Everyone brings a different perspective of God to prayer. Their history, their struggles, their revelations. When you pray together, you glean from one another.

*(1 Corinthians 12:12 NASB) "For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ."*

*(Proverbs 27:17 NASB) "Iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another."*

- b. You hear prayers you wouldn't pray. You see attributes of God you'd miss on your own. You're stretched, challenged, encouraged and prayer becomes richer.

*(Romans 12:5 NASB) "So we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another."*

*(Ephesians 4:16 NASB) "From whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love."*

### III. Accountability and Commitment

- a. Praying with others creates accountability. It keeps you consistent. It fights isolation. It reminds you that you're not alone in this journey.

*(Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 NASB) "Two are better than one because they have a good return for their labor. For if either of them falls, the one will lift up his companion."*

*(Hebrews 10:24-25 NASB) "And let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another."*

- b. Here's your challenge: Find two others and commit to praying together weekly. Watch how your love for prayer, and for each other, multiplies.