

Becoming One in 2021 Part 5 handout

The Power of One Voice

1. There is power in praise.

A. The announcement of birth of Christ came with Angelic Host Praise! They were praising God with one voice. **Luke 2:12-14 (KJV)**

B. When we all begin praising God together, we are all speaking with one voice!

C. The shepherd's reaction to the birth of Christ was praise. God inhabits our praises. **Luke 2:15 (KJV)**

D. The disciples were praising and blessing God when Christ ascended and before they were baptized in the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. The Holy Spirit descended upon their praise. **Luke 24:53 (KJV)**

E. When the disciples were baptized in the Holy Spirit with one voice they were all praising God in an unknown language. **Acts 2:1-8 (KJV)**

F. What was the very first use of speaking in unknown tongues? It was first used to unite them in praise. **Acts 2:11 (KJV)**

G. They were speaking the wonderful works of God. And what do we call that? That's praising God.

H. The early church spoke with one voice by practicing praise daily. Until we practice praise as a lifestyle we will never live a unified lifestyle. **Acts 2:46-47 (KJV)**

I. They weren't quiet about it either. People outside heard them and came running to see what was going on. What was this loud talking about at 9 o'clock in the morning?

J. And what was the reaction to their praise? It got people's attention and 3000 people were saved. You want to see more people saved? Then we need more people praising God. **Psalms 22:3 (KJV)**

K. United Praise releases an evangelistic anointing. Ps. 22:3 tells us that God inhabits the praises of His people.

L. Psalms often begin with lamenting from the opposition or containment's in life and then move from the negative to the positive into praising God. This verse Psalm 22:3 begins with But. The previous verses speak about feeling forsaken by God.

M. The Jewish day begins with darkness and then becomes light. Life always has dark times, God uses our praises to bring in the light of His presence. He turns nighttime into the daytime

N. We are all called and chosen to praise God. Praise is one way we minister to God. His response is to minister to us. **1 Peter 2:9 (KJV)**

2. Corporate and individual Praise changes things.

A. Paul & Silas after being falsely accused, were beaten, thrown into prison and placed in stocks.

B. They were in the third compartment of the prison. The first compartment had doors and windows, slowing light and air to flow in. They weren't just in prison, they were in the worst part of the prison.

C. The next compartment has bars on the windows and doors. The inner compartment where they were placed, had no windows or doors that light and air could enter. It was a literal dungeon.

D. Not only were they in a confined place together, They were also bound by stocks individually. They were bound as a group and as individuals. United Praise can bring both corporate and individual breakthroughs!

E. They repositioned themselves in 5 ways to do something people just didn't do in their position:

*I. They didn't let offenses from their false accusers, or those who beat them stop them from praising God. **Matthew 24:10 (KJV)** Offense then leads to deception. Matthew 24:11*

II. They didn't let their wounds stop them from praying and praising God.

III. They didn't let their personal restrictions stop them from praising God.

IV. They didn't let darkness and isolation stop them from praising God!

V. They didn't let the devil convince them that God wasn't protecting them, or question God about how He could let them be treated this way?

F. Trouble and pain can put you in bad positions, but praise can reposition you for a breakthrough.

G. If you're having a hard time hearing God's voice maybe you just need more trouble and pain?

H. Murmuring and complaining is satanic worship. We must be quick to repent if we've become negative and critical.

3. The Bigger the Praise the Bigger the Breakthrough. Psalm 67:3-7 (KJV)

A. Let the people praise, let all of the people praise! The bigger the praise the bigger the breakthrough.

B. The environment responds to One Voice Praise to God! Harvest is released, increase is dispatched when we praise God!

C. Not just a few of us, not just some of us, but when all of us praise God.

D. We don't wait for Increase or blessing to come and then praise God. We must praise first and then the increase and blessings come.

E. Praising God for increase and blessings before they come is an exercise in faith. Some of us have been waiting too long and praising too little.

G. I'm going to ask you to take a step of faith today and praise God for breakthrough and increase.