


MESSAGE NOTES: The Power of Corporate Prayer

SCRIPTURE  [John 16:5-11](#); [Acts 1:1-8, 12-14](#)

THE EARLY CHURCH

OUR CHURCH

Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

Message: PRAY FIRST – Part 4 – The Power of Corporate Prayer

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Connect (30min)

*For *Connect* and *Prayer* -- break into two groups, or groups of 3-4 people to enhance participation.

1. HIGHLIGHT & HOPE

- a. Share 1 *Highlight* that stands to you in your life from the month of January.
- b. Share 1 thing you are *Hopeful & Praying for* in the month of February.

2. FOCUS

- a.  Read [2 Chronicles 7:14](#) and [1 Peter 2:4-10](#).
- b. **5min Focus:** Respond to these scriptures and open your discussion time with 5min of open group prayer.

Message Discussion (35min)


1. PRAY FIRST 2024 – 21 Days of Prayer & Fasting. January 8-28.

- a. Were you able to participate in our *Prayer Summit* on Sunday night? Share your experience and feedback.
- b. Share your feedback from your *Pray First* experience last week, and overall:
How were you encouraged and challenged? What did you learn? What will you apply moving forward?


2. THE POWER OF CORPORATE PRAYER

- a. Why do you think God honors the corporate prayer meeting?
- b. How does corporate prayer impact your personal walk with God?
- c. How does corporate prayer impact our shared journey and community of faith?
- d. How does corporate prayer keep us focused and dependent on God as a church?

3. THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

- a.  Read [John 16:5-11](#).
 - i. What do you learn about the *Trinity* in this passage? (Father-Son-Holy Spirit)
 - ii. What do you learn about our relationship with God?
- b. Why is it better that Jesus left, and the Holy Spirit came? How is that better for us?

4. THE EARLY CHURCH

- a.  Read [Acts 1:1-8](#) and [Acts 1:12-14](#)
- b. How was the church birthed? What did it start with? (prayer)
- c. Why do you think God started His worldwide movement with a prayer meeting?
What does that tell us about God and prayer?
- d. If corporate prayer is part of God's plans and purposes for His church, who do so many people resist it? Discuss.

5. OUR CHURCH

- a. What do you think would happen if our church got serious about praying together?
What do you think God would do? *Imagine and share together* ([Ephesians 3:14-21](#))
- b. How is Life Group prayer a key part of corporate prayer in our lives and church?
What are some other examples of corporate prayer at MSC, and how are they important?
> *Prayer Summit, Sunday Service Prayer (Preservice and Post-service Prayer), various Ministry Team Prayer, Set Free Retreat Prayer, Empower Retreat Prayer...*
- c. What are you willing to do to make corporate prayer a value in your life and church?

Prayer (25min)

***Break into groups of 3-4 people or men/women for sharing and prayer.**

“Lord, teach us and help us to pray...”

In response to the message, scripture, and discussion – how can we pray for you, and our church?
Share together and spend a good amount of time praying together.

***Plan out the month of February for your Life Group:**

Dates & Details. Snack rotation. Group Communion. Group Social...

+ Commit as a Life Group to attend our next *Prayer Summit* together, February 25th, from 6-7:30pm.

A time of worship, corporate prayer, and communion. Sit with one another so that you can pray with one another.