



Lesson Eight

“Altar Prayer Ministry”

Objective: To train and equip students to agree in prayer with members and attenders during our altar prayer and ministry time.

I. Praying for One Another

a. _____ are called by God to pray for one another.

James 5:16-18 NKJV *Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. 17 Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. 18 And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit.*

The pastor is not the only one who can pray for others and the pastor does not have more power than others to pray. We are all anointed to pray through our knowledge of His promises and the power of the Holy Spirit.

b. Pray _____. 1 John 5:14-15

John 15:7-8 NKJV *If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. 8 By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.*

Use a Topical Bible to familiarize yourself with Scriptures to pray over the most common situations like finances, healing, job search, favor, marriage problems, relationship issues, etc.

These Scriptures are always good to know to pray over situations where you have limited knowledge...

God _____ that which concerns me. Psalm 138:8

God knows _____. 1 John 3:20

God makes everything work for _____. Romans 8:28

God will _____ your path. Proverbs 3:5-6

c. Pray with _____.

1 John 5:14-15 MSG *And how bold and free we then become in his presence, freely asking according to his will, sure that he's listening. 15 And if we're confident that he's listening, we know that what we've asked for is as good as ours.*

1 John 3:20-23 NKJV *For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things. 21 Beloved, **if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God.** 22 And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight. 23 And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment.*

d. Prayer of _____.

Matt 18:19-20 NKJV *"Again I say to you that **if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them** by My Father in heaven. 20 For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."*

There is a power in unity and agreement that we tap into when we come together on one accord in prayer. The Bible calls it the "**corporate man.**" Judges 6:16; Judges 20:8; Nehemiah 8:1; Ezra 3:1; Gen 11:6. Deuteronomy 32:30 tells us that one can chase a thousand but two can put ten thousand to flight! The mathematics change when we agree together.

e. Power is _____ in unity and agreement.

When God got ready to cause Israel to defeat their enemy, He reduced the army of Israel from 32,000 to 300 because 300 in unity is stronger than 32,000 who are not in agreement. The 300 defeated more than could be numbered **as one man!** The children of Israel caused the walls of Jericho to fall down flat when they got in unity and acted in agreement. There is power in agreement! The multiplied power of agreement is released when we pray together at the altar in Jesus' name.

John 17:11 NKJV *Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, **that they may be one as We are.***

II. Practical Application

a. Pray _____ prayers.

Remember this is not a time of counseling, but an opportunity to quickly agree in prayer. Cut off the beginning and end and set fire to the middle! If the situation seems like they would benefit from counseling, then make that suggestion to them and pray quickly.

b. Be _____ of what's happening around you.

If no more people are standing in line for prayer, then take your seat. If more people get in line then you may be needed again to pray. We want this section of the service to be

done in a reasonable amount of time. If you see that there are not enough prayer partners and there is a long line waiting, you are more than welcome to jump in the partner line and help. Also – Keep your eyes open – If you see that everyone else has sat down and you are the last left praying, wrap it up. You can always make it a point to go over to the person afterwards (if they are alone) and suggest a sermon series on the app that would help them or share a personal testimony... etc.

c. Do not pray in _____ with people.

Unless you know that the person you are praying with is filled with the spirit and prays in tongues with you, do not pray in tongues. We do not want to cause confusion with those who may be uninformed about tongues.

d. Pray in a correct _____.

Do not pray too loud or too soft depending on the situation.

e. Respect _____:

When someone trusts you with their prayer request, do not betray that trust by sharing it with others. If it seems like something urgent that the pastors should know, then share it only with them and no one else. This could destroy a person's trust in you, the ministry or God.

Be prayed up before you get to the church and expect God to use you and direct the right people to you.