

# Spiritual Disciplines Within The Church

## Chapter 11: Why Pray with the Church?

### Introduction:

Is prayer important in your life? People all over the world pray. Christians and non-Christians pray. But do you take time to pray with others and with your church? The following chapter will help you see why it is important and beneficial to pray with the church.

### I. Prayer with the church is a mark of New Testament \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Praying with the church is what Christians \_\_\_\_\_ do when they are full of God. (*Acts 2:42*)
- B. "The life, power, and glory of the church is prayer. . . . without it, the church is \_\_\_\_\_ and powerless." (*Acts 2:43-47*)

### II. Prayer with the church brings the power of \_\_\_\_\_ prayer. (*Matt. 18:19-20*)

### III. United prayer is linked with the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Gospel and the church. (*Acts 4:18, 24, 29, 31*)

- A. The preacher and his sermons \_\_\_\_\_ your prayer. (*II Cor. 1:11; Eph. 6:18-20*)
  - 1. Paul relied on the prayers of the local churches for the effectiveness of his ministry. (*Rom. 15:30-32*)
  - 2. The church must pray unitedly for her preacher so that "the word of the Lord may run swiftly and be \_\_\_\_\_." (*II Thess. 3:1*)
- B. Prayer should be made for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. (*Acts 2:1*)
- C. Believers need to pray for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

### IV. You need \_\_\_\_\_ to pray for you.

- A. Pray for one another. (*James 5:14, 16; I Sam. 12:3*)
- B. Jesus asked for the prayer of others. (*Matt. 26:38, 40-41*)

### V. Become \_\_\_\_\_ to corporate prayer.

- A. Is corporate prayer \_\_\_\_\_ to you?
  - 1. If congregational or small group prayer is not part of your Christian life, there is a \_\_\_\_\_. (*Acts 2:42*)
  - 2. If you are unwilling to pray with others, you are too \_\_\_\_\_ spiritually.
- B. Will you become an \_\_\_\_\_ part of the prayer life of your church?
  - 1. \_\_\_\_\_ in congregational prayer.
  - 2. Volunteer for the prayer \_\_\_\_\_ of your church.
  - 3. \_\_\_\_\_ a small prayer group.

*\*God sometimes stands upon a number of voices, for the carrying of some public mercy, because he delighteth in the harmony of many praying souls." —John Flavel*