

SERMON NOTES

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"The Importance of Corporate Prayer"

Matthew 21:13, Acts 2:42-47, Hebrews 10:24-25

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Church Renewal: The Importance of Corporate Prayer

God has always existed in the community

- Trinitarian life
- Calling of couples, families, tribes, and nations
- Most instructions are given to groups of people

Why is this togetherness important?

- It is who God is
- Being together sharpens us and makes us holy
- Our love and unity are our primary witness

Why do we pray together?

- God commands us to pray and shows up in prayer
- We receive blessing and grace through others
- Big requests need corporate agreement
- We can learn together, hear together, and move together

¹³"It is written," he said to them, "'My house will be called a house of prayer,' but you are making it 'a den of robbers.""

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.