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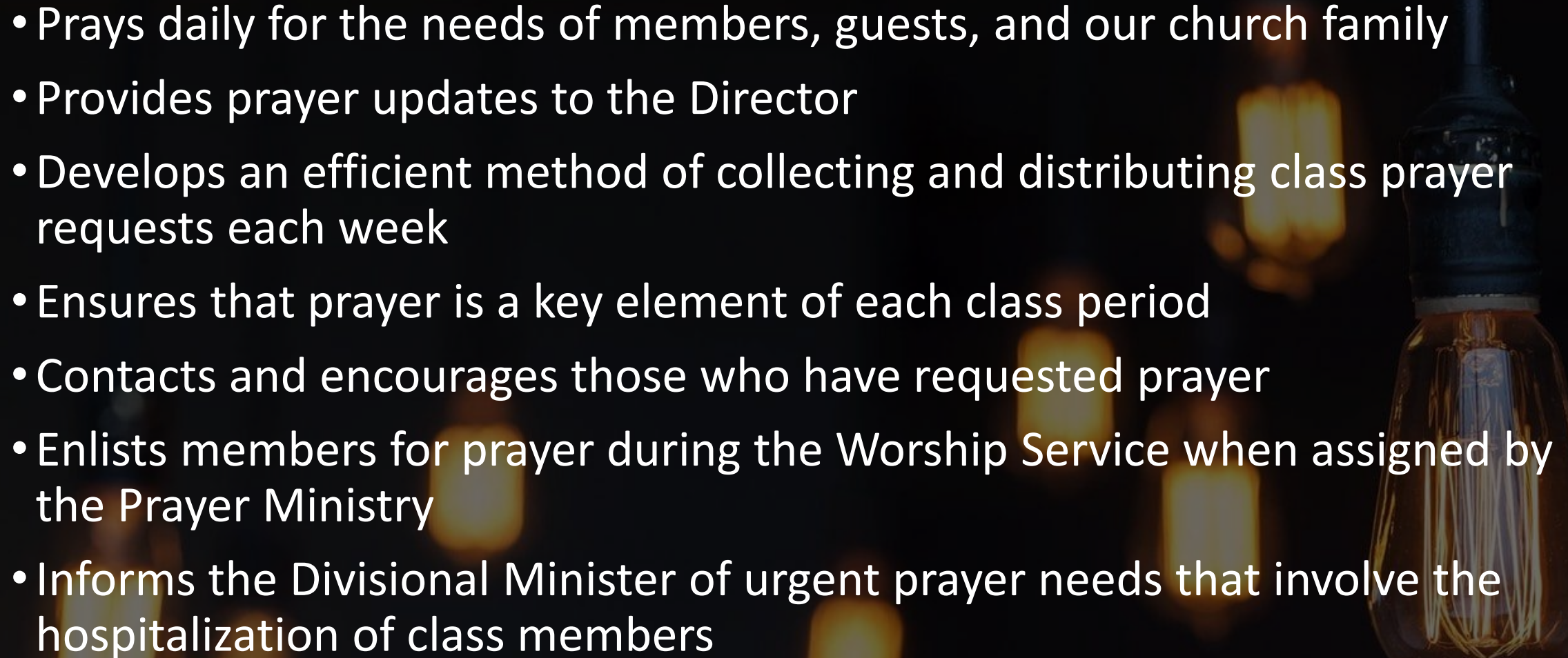
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**SUMMIT**

*2018 Leadership Conference*

# PURPOSE

- To lead the class in effective intercessory prayer and express thankfulness to God for answered prayers and praises

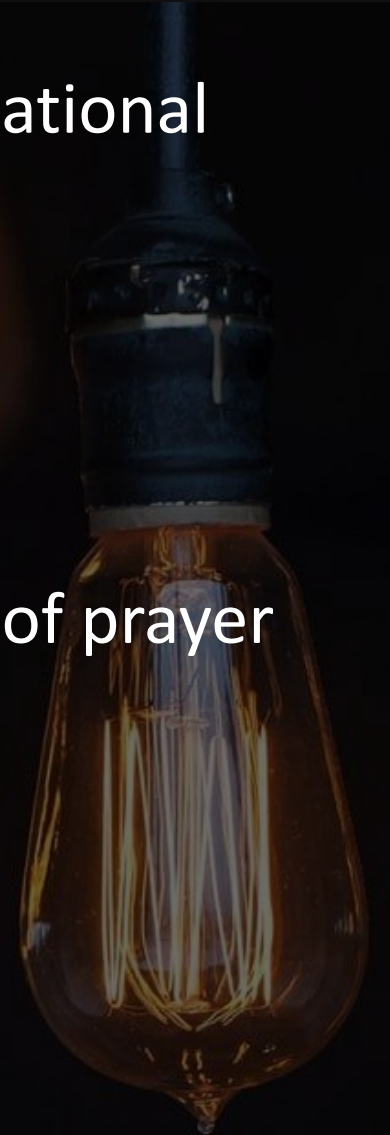
# RESPONSIBILITIES

- Prays daily for the needs of members, guests, and our church family
  - Provides prayer updates to the Director
  - Develops an efficient method of collecting and distributing class prayer requests each week
  - Ensures that prayer is a key element of each class period
  - Contacts and encourages those who have requested prayer
  - Enlists members for prayer during the Worship Service when assigned by the Prayer Ministry
  - Informs the Divisional Minister of urgent prayer needs that involve the hospitalization of class members
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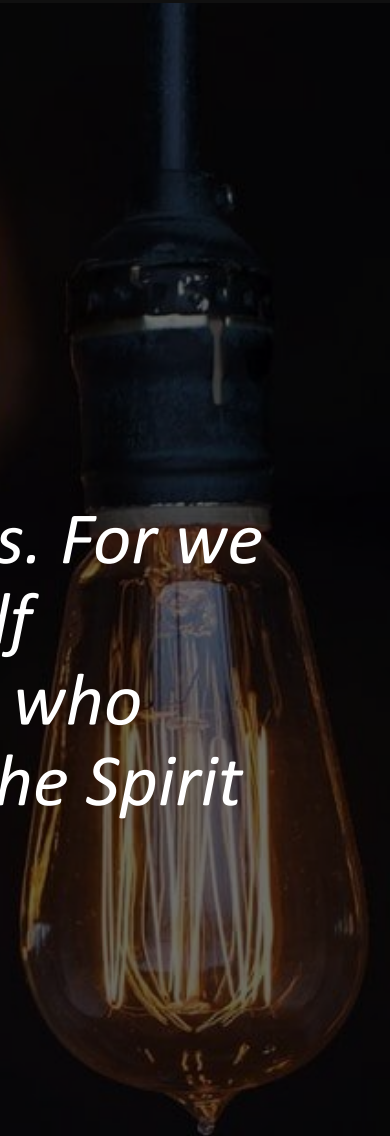
# WHY PRAY IN SMALL GROUPS?

- Prayer allows us to enter the presence of God in a personal, relational way
- The primary focus in prayer is our relationship with God
- Small group prayer time helps people grow in their experience of prayer in a safe environment



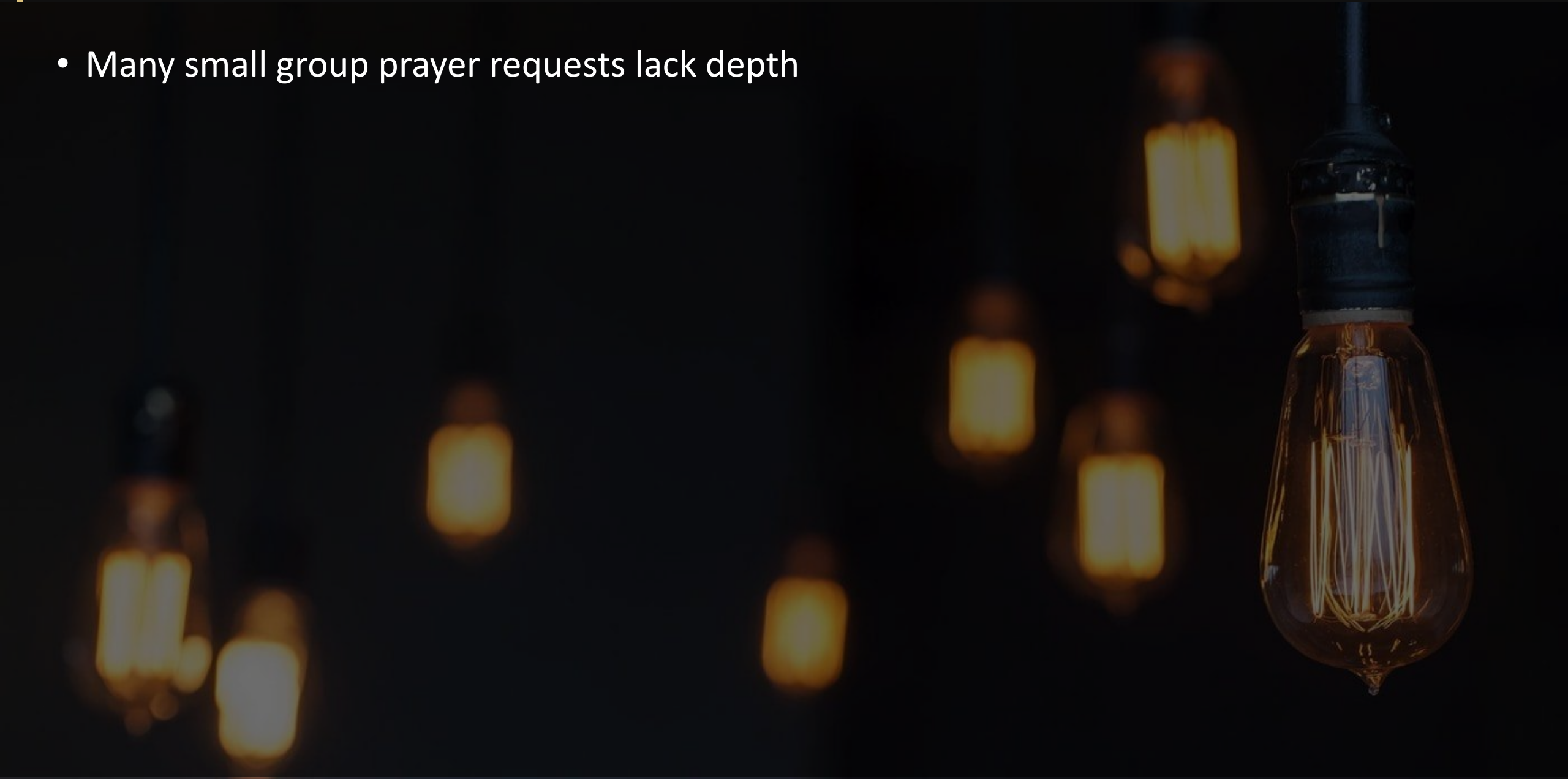
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- Prayer can be an intimidating exercise for many people
- Like any form of communication, prayer is learned
- Romans 8:26-27, *26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. 27 And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.*



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  - Prayers answered according to faith (Matthew 21:22)
  - Asking in Jesus' name (John 14:14; 16:24)
  - Abide in Christ (John 15:7)
  - Persistence (Luke 18:1-8)
  - Having right motives (James 4:3)
  - Asking according to His will (1<sup>st</sup> John 5:14)
  - Just ask (Matthew 7:7-11)
  - Pray without ceasing (1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 5:17)
  - Bring all of our anxieties and concerns to God in prayer (Philippians 4:6)





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- Let Scripture evaluate your prayers



# IDEAS TO REVITALIZE YOUR PRAYER TIME

## Identifying Prayer Requests

- Before Class
  - Gather via Email or Social Media
  - Print and Distribute in class
- During Class
  - Prayer Cards
  - Clipboard
  - Whiteboard
  - Basket of prayer
- Other Methods?



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## Types of Praying

- Prayers of Praise
- Prayers for Salvation
- Using the Psalms





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## Formats for Praying

- Pair Prayer
- Circle Prayer
- Physical Prayer
- Sentence/Popcorn Prayer
- Other Methods?



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## Prayer Tips

- “Family Rules”
- Short and Simple Requests
- Length of Prayer Time
- Written Prayers
- Prayer Follow-ups



QUESTIONS?

