

Building Prayer into the Rhythm and Identity of Your LifeGroup



Who We Are • What We Do

Big Idea

- Prayer is not an occasional activity; it is part of our group identity. (It is who we are and what we do)
 - Healthy groups depend on God together.
 - Prayer shapes how we reach, learn, love, and multiply.
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- *“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.” — Acts 2:42*



Why Prayer Matters

 **God Changes Hearts**

 **God Produces Spiritual Growth**

 **Ministry Depends on His Power**

 **People Have Needs Only God Can Meet**



Prayer Supports Our Core Values

Reach

Pray for lost people, guests, Gospel conversations, and boldness.

Matthew 9:37–38 (ESV) *"Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.'"*

Learn

Ask God for understanding, conviction, and transformation.

James 1:22 (ESV) *"But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves."*

Love

Carry one another's burdens and celebrate answered prayer.

Galatians 6:2 (ESV) *"Bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ."*

Multiply

Pray for future leaders, teachers, apprentices, and new groups.

2 Timothy 2:2 (ESV) *"And what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also."*



Build Prayer into the Weekly Rhythm

- **Before class:** Pray with leaders and volunteers.
- **During class:** Celebrate answered prayer and pray specifically.
- **After class:** Follow up and continue praying during the week.



Lead a Culture of Prayer

Culture is formed by what leaders consistently value.

- ✓ Model genuine prayer
- ✓ Celebrate answered prayer
- ✓ Make prayer natural
- ✓ Invite others to lead



Keeping Prayer Focused and Meaningful

Pray Where You Can Make a Difference

Focus our prayer time on **immediate family, close friends, and needs within our group** (the people God has placed directly in our lives.)

"How can we pray for that right now?"

This helps keep our prayers personal, specific, and faith-filled.

"If God answered every prayer we prayed today, how would it impact His Kingdom?"

- People who need Christ
- Spiritual growth
- Gospel conversations
- Our church and its ministries
- Opportunities to reach and disciple others

The goal isn't fewer prayer requests—it's more intentional, Kingdom-focused prayer.



Reflection Questions

How would someone describe our group?

Where can we build more prayer into our rhythm?

What one change will we implement this month?

Who can we develop as a prayer leader?



Closing Reminder

- Prayer is not an interruption to ministry.
- **Prayer is the ministry.**

