

Prayer for Our Church

- Pray for the regular preaching of God’s Word.
 - Pray for our witness of unity in diversity.
 - Pray for our evangelism and for conversions.
 - Pray for our daily lives this week at work and at home, that we would do good, honor God and commend the Gospel.
 - Pray that we would see relationships in the local church as part of what it means to be a Christian.
 - Pray that we would understand the need to make our relationships here transparent, to tell embarrassing things about themselves and ask awkward questions.
 - Pray that we would expect conversations with other church members often to be deep, and often theological in nature.
 - Pray that we would think it important to encourage each other with Scripture.
 - Pray that we would see part of being a Christian as being a provider, and not a consumer.
 - Pray that we would not see service in the local church as being primarily about meeting our own felt needs by utilizing our giftedness but about bringing God glory.
 - Pray that we would not see it as unusual when our lives become increasingly centered around the local church.
 - Pray that we would see it as unusual when a member’s life seems to keep church on the periphery.
 - Pray that we would see hospitality as an important part of being a Christian.
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Core Seminars—Living as a Church Class 4: Preaching & Prayer: The Foundation for Unity



I. Introduction

The importance of the supernatural in our church.

God’s normal means of working supernaturally:

- Preaching (Romans 10:17)
- Prayer (John 14:13-14)

II. Preaching

A. Preaching Matters

B. In Particular, *Expositional* Preaching Matters

1. God’s word sets the agenda.
2. The preacher learns as he prepares.
3. It teaches a congregation how to explain and apply God’s word.

C. Preaching = God's Word + God's People

1. Application
2. Contextualization
3. Authority

4. Corporate Prayer Teaches Us How to Pray

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayer of Supplication

III. Prayer

The Lord's Prayer is full of corporate language

A. Why is Corporate Prayer Important?

1. God uses our prayer together to advance his kingdom

Example: Acts 4:23-31

2. God is Glorified through the Unity of our Prayer

3. Corporate Prayer Unites Us

“Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many.” – 2 Cor. 1:11

B. Praying For Our Church

1. Pray for the preacher

2. Pray for members individually

3. Pray for our church as a whole