

Unity in Prayer | Week 4

Introduction

Unity is a theme throughout the Scriptures, and it is a priority for God. Divisions offend the Holy Spirit, and He will not work where there is strife and contention. Unified prayer in the body of Christ is powerful prayer. It is chain-breaking, earth-shaking, miraculous prayer. The Devil can't defeat us, but he can divide us. He is scheming through gossip and misunderstanding and is fueling our insecurities to this end all the time. Today, our group will discuss how to fight for unity and combat the enemy through prayer. Then, we will take some time to practice warfare prayer together.

Conversation Starters (10 minutes)

- When did you feel most connected to Jesus this week?
- What have you sensed God teaching you lately?

Sermon Notes Review (15 minutes)

What stood out, challenged, or impacted you from the weekend message?

Watch the Video (10 minutes)

In this video, Katrina will teach us about Warfare Prayer. You can follow along with her Armor of God prayer in the Warfare Prayer section of the <u>Prayer Guide</u>.

Group Discussion (30 minutes)

- 1. What stood out to you from the Warfare Prayer?
- 2. Have you ever considered the reality that we have an enemy who, while he can't defeat us, can divide us?
- 3. Read <u>Matthew 4:1-11</u> and the Old Testament verses Jesus quotes in the passage: <u>Deuteronomy 8:3</u>, <u>Deuteronomy 6:16</u>, <u>Deuteronomy 6:13</u>.
 - What do you notice?
- 4. Where there is unity, there is power. Unified prayer in the body of Christ is powerful prayer. Choose a prayer from the Warfare Prayer section of the <u>Prayer Guide</u>. First, read the verses the prayer is based on, then pray. You can use the words from the Prayer Guide or your own words.
- 5. In the video, Katrina encouraged us to memorize scripture. When we know scripture by heart, God can bring verses to mind as we combat the enemy in prayer, just as Jesus used scripture to counter the enemy. Katrina called this "spiritual dynamite."
 - Do any verses commonly come to your mind as you pray? Which one(s)?

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 Choose a verse to commit to memory this week as a group. It could be a verse someone just shared, a verse from the Warfare Prayer you just prayed as a group, or you could use one of these suggestions:

2 Corinthians 5:17: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come. The old has gone; the new is here!

John 14:6: Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Psalm 139:14: I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

Romans 8:38-39: For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:1: Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:17: *Pray continually*

Philippians 4:4: Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

Prayer (5 minutes)

Thank God for your time together as a group. Thank Him that, in Him, we already have victory over the enemy. Ask Him to protect you from and help you recognize the schemes of the enemy. Pray for unity within your group, and commit to God that you will not allow the enemy to cause division amongst you. Confess that you will need His help, and ask Him for the courage to handle misunderstandings and hurt feelings lovingly and truthfully. Pray the verse your group has chosen to memorize this week.

Announcements (5 minutes)

- Join us for our Night of Prayer at all campuses on Sunday, November 3 at 6PM. A
 limited number of childcare spaces will be available for ages birth through 4th grade
 (preregistration required for childcare). Visit https://www.sunvalleycc.com/prayernight for
 more information and to register for childcare.
- <u>Serve Your World.</u> We invite your group to be a part of the work God is doing all over the world and participate in a <u>Serve Your World trip in 2025</u>.

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