

# time to talk.

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## IT'S TIME TO TALK When God's People Pray "Together"

*...if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land. **2 Chronicles 7:14 (NLT)***

### WHY WE SHOULD PRAY TOGETHER...

#### 1. Because JESUS says to.

When you look in the Bible in the part known as the Gospels (Mathew, Mark, Luke, and John) you will find 37 verses where Jesus practiced and taught about prayer. Of the 37, 33 addressed praying with other believers.

*"Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. **Matthew 7:7-8 (NLT)***

#### 2. Because the founders of the Church (God's family) said to.

*All the believers **DEVOTED THEMSELVES** to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to **PRAYER**. **Acts 2:42 (NLT)***

### 3. Because when we pray together, GOD MOVES.

- Acts 1:12-14 ..... It brings the Holy Spirit into the body of believers
- Acts 1:23-26 ..... It places God's leadership in place in the family.
- Acts 2:42 ..... It builds and unifies the family of God.
- Acts 3:1-3 ..... It unifies the body and keeps the Lord in His proper place.
- Acts 4:23-31 ..... It brings God's courage to the body of believers.
- Acts 6:3-6 ..... It empowers God's truth (His word) to be told and heard.
- Acts 8:14-17 ..... It advances the truth of Jesus Christ's empowered by the Holy Spirit.
- Acts 12:5, 12-17 .... It protects those who advance the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Acts 13:1-3 ..... It prompts God to direct His messengers on what to do.
- Acts 14:23 ..... It guides the leaders of God's church.
- Acts 16:13 ..... It opens the hearts of the lost to hear and receive Jesus Christ.
- Acts 16:16 ..... It sets people free from bondage (physical, emotional & spiritual).
- Acts 16:25-26 ..... It invokes God's heart to shake the very foundations of earth.
- Acts 20:36-38 ..... It draws believers into fellowship and comforts the hurting.
- Acts 21:4-6 ..... It brings God's comfort to the hurting.

### HOW TO PRAY CORPORATELY...

- \_\_\_ - Adoration...Recognize God for who He is.
- \_\_\_ - Contrition...Acknowledge our need for Him and confess our sins.
- \_\_\_ - Thanksgiving...Thank Him for what He has done already in our lives.
- \_\_\_ - Supplication...Request as a body:
  - Healing of our families that are sick, broken, and suffering
  - Growth of our church family.
  - Give us boldness and power to share the good news of Jesus Christ.

**Going deeper on your own.** This week choose one moment and gather two or more Christ followers together and pray. Begin by reading James 5:13-16, then Philippians 4:6-8. Use the ACTS model and pray; Pray specifically for healing of those in our Church. Pray for the growth of our church family. Pray for boldness, courage, and the opportunity to share the good news of Jesus Christ with a lost person this week. Then write me at [jay@centerpointchurch.com](mailto:jay@centerpointchurch.com) and tell me your story.