

1.2 How is it different from “individual prayer in a group setting?”

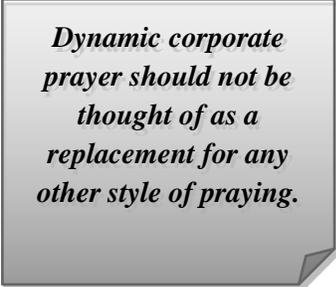
Dynamic corporate prayer should not be thought of as a replacement for any other style of praying. Its components are useful in con-templative prayer, spiritual warfare, intercession, and praise. In fact, the style of prayer I am advocating for in this book is not the only very powerful means of corporate prayer. Paul exhorts us to pray using “all kinds of prayers” (Eph 6:18). The kind of prayer that has flowed out of the Prayer Summit movement is not completely unique, but it is not as familiar as many other kinds of prayer.

If we grew up around prayer, then most of us grew up with what could be known as the “prayer microphone” type of corporate prayer. There may be 15 people in the room and Bill takes his opportunity to step up to the “prayer microphone” and pray what is on his heart. It is a good prayer. Then Mary takes her turn and prays through the requests that are closest to her. After her, Jane prays her burden. It is probable that most of the 15 people pray and yet none of the prayers are connected to each other in any way. This is what I call “individual prayer in a group setting.”

When I say dynamic corporate prayer I am referring to prayers that...

- are connected to what has just been prayed.
- hear and catch a prayer theme, and develop a flow.
- are influenced by the prayers of others and in turn influence the prayers of others.
- flow more from *listening* than from lists.
- focus on *agreement* or *harmonious* prayers.

Blessed by Doing – The next time you are in a time of corporate prayer, pray prayers that are directly related to the previous prayer.



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