

1.4 What if we broadened the “Would you lead us in prayer?”

Western Seminary in Portland, topic of dynamic corporate prayer. of “show and tell” on the topic, I had just about one minute to sum up

Here is what I said:

I think I can say nearly with in less than one minute. My hope

*today the meaning of the question “Would you lead us in prayer?” has been enlarged. **From:** “Bill, would you lead us in prayer?” And Bill stands, speaks, we listen, he says amen, and he has led us in prayer. **To:** “Bill, would you lead us in prayer?” And Bill says, “Sure, I would be happy to lead us in prayer. I have been thinking about Psalm 90:14 (or a host of other verses or topics) which says, ‘Satisfy us in the morning with Your unfailing love...’ Let’s close (or open) our time in prayer today by considering the things about God that deeply satisfy us. I will give you a moment to consider what you would like to say, then I will start, and let’s have about 5 or 6 others of you follow right after me...” Then after Bill pauses for 10-15 seconds, he prays, “Father, Your grace deeply satisfies me.” Then, someone else might say, “Father, the blood of Your Son deeply satisfied You and it deeply satisfies me.” Or “Father, being part of Your Body has satisfied my deep need to belong.” Perhaps others would mention, His peace, His mercy, His joy, or His calling, etc.*

The specifics of the illustration should change from setting to setting, but I think you get the picture. *Leading* a group in prayer can (and in most settings I would say *should*) include giving many people in the group an opportunity to meaningfully contribute to the prayer. It does not have to take any longer than if just one person prayed. Your leadership, your prayer direction, brings the opportunity for the group to pray in the power of unity.

When we ask someone to lead us in worship, we don’t expect a solo, we expect him or her to do that which will help us express our hearts to the Lord. Why should it be different when we ask someone to lead us in prayer? Why not anticipate that the person who leads us in prayer would actually help us all pray rather than just pray on our behalf?

- **Blessed by Doing** – When you are in a group that will have a time of prayer, such as a Sunday School class, a home group, or a church leaders group, be prepared with a possible way you could help *facilitate*, rather than *lead* that prayer time. Then if called upon, facilitate the process.

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I have the privilege of sharing at Oregon a few times per year on the One day as I was concluding 4 hours glanced at the clock and realized I all I wanted them to catch.

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