

## 5. Scripture – What is the role of Scripture in facilitating dynamic corporate prayer?

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One of the reasons corporate prayer is dynamic is because it flows from Scripture which is described in Hebrews 4:12 as being "... alive and powerful." It is His Word that is, "... inspired by God and profitable..." (2 Timothy 3:16). His Word gives life and light and creative power. Our temporal words are significant only as they are in agreement with His eternal Word. So, as we pray, to the degree we rely upon and pray back to Him His words, to that same degree we can pray with confidence and clarity. The use of Scripture as we pray will change our praying. Instead of praying from human knowledge, we will be praying with divine wisdom.

In fact, the more I pray, the more I feel the need to have my prayers based upon and reflect Scripture. My default setting is still very self-centered prayers. I need His Word and His perspective to keep me away from coming to prayer with the thought that it is all about me. And I have yet to find a need that could not be addressed in prayer from Scripture.

So, as you facilitate corporate prayer, encourage the pray-ers to always bring their Bibles with them. You may want to make sure that there are some extra Bibles available. I have often quipped, "If I see that you don't have your Bible with you, I will assume you have it memorized. Then I will ask you to stand and quote the book of Obadiah."

Because the best prayer is based upon Scripture, your commitment to spend regular time hearing, reading, studying, memorizing, and meditating upon it will be one of the best ways you can improve your ability to facilitate dynamic corporate prayer. This is not a short-term process. It is a life-long journey. Don't be satisfied with your present level of Scriptural intake. Press on. Make use of every opportunity to know His Word better. It will pay great dividends not only as you facilitate prayer but in all the other areas of your life as well.

- **Blessed by Doing** – Encourage people in your prayer group to make it a habit to bring their Bibles to the time of prayer. Also, if possible, have some extra copies available.
- **Blessed by Doing** – Refresh your own commitment to get as much of His Word into your mind and heart as possible.