



## Prayer: Together | October 12, 2016

### Discussion Guide

#### The Scoop

There are many moments in our lives when a group of people is better than doing it alone. Although we may disagree, the Bible suggests prayer is no different.

#### Key Verse

**James 5:14-16 (MSG)**

*Call the church leaders together to pray and anoint you with oil in the name of the Master. Believing-prayer will heal you, and Jesus will put you on your feet. And if you've sinned, you'll be forgiven—healed inside and out.*

*Make this your common practice: Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you can live together whole and healed.*

#### Discussion

Even if we like to do things on our own, we can admit that some things are better with a friend or a team. We can do great things together. In fact, some of the most inspiring stories are when unlikely groups form and overcome their differences and the obstacles in front of them.

1. What are some examples of inspiring stories of unlikely partners, teams, or groups accomplishing things together?
2. Share a personal story of how a few people or a group of people helped you accomplish something.

For some reason, we like to keep our personal problems to ourselves. Even though we can see that including people has helped us accomplish house projects, church projects, win competitions, and make beautiful music; we are hesitant to include others in our prayer lives.

3. What might be some reasons you would want to keep your prayer life to yourself?

James says to make praying with others “common practice.” Since we can admit that there are times when we are better in a group, why not try adding prayer in a group to the list.

4. With whom might you considering praying in a group?

#### What's Next?

Matthew 18:20 says, “When two of you get together on anything at all on earth and make a prayer of it, my Father in heaven goes into action. And when two or three of you are together because of me, you can be sure that I'll be there.” This week consider with whom you might pray and then find ways to pray with and for others.