

## Men Leading Our Congregations and Communities to Greatness in Prayer

I am a prayer trainer and equipper. 3 years ago, while praying for pro-life Attorney Allan Parker, the vision was birthed for mobilizing 1 million praying in America.

My brother in Jesus, Peter, invited me to teach his men's revival prayer group in Fullerton, CA last week. (July 17, 2019) 9 men who love Jesus and each other gathered.

As God would have it, I returned to the church where the Lord ignited a passion for men's ministry 26 years ago in 1993. 9 men gathered for prayer, as they have for the last few years.

As we shared from the "Men and Intercession" worksheet, we discussed a principle called the "male context." We talked about, **a. Men follow men – Men need male leadership**, **b. Men need vision**, **c. Men need men who will lead them to greatness**, **d. Men need purpose**.

This church has a wonderful prayer leader who is a woman. We spoke of how God is using her for His glory. However, we realized that God needs praying men to lead other men to pray.

We spent fruitful time discussing the fact that "Men will not lead in areas where they do not **feel equipped and competent**. Men respond positively to being disciplined in prayer."

We discovered that the million men praying force needs equipped and competent praying men to lead this movement of prayer - in their church and beyond.

I led a season of prayer where we prayed for each other in pairs for our brother's "spiritual growth and maturity." As scripture was prayed over them, men were blessed and encouraged. Receiving my brother's prayers built me up spiritually!

The Lord revealed that He had been growing this band of brothers into a mighty praying and caring force. The leader of the group talked about how encouraged and renewed he was from our time of together.

Here is the key takeaway – When I began the night, I wondered what difference it would make to pray with 9 men from Fullerton. In this leader, the Lord identified the kind of man who can lead praying men to greatness.

The Lord led me to 1 praying man who could lead and inspire hundreds of praying men in his church and beyond and 9 men who have the vision for leading their church into increased prayer. The men were no longer disappointed that there isn't more prayer in their church; they were inspired to be the ones who would lead their church to the next level of greatness in prayer.

Join me in praying for 9 more praying men and 9 more praying men and 9 more praying men who will catch the vision for leading their congregations and beyond to the kind of greatness in prayer that pleases God,

If you know a group of praying men in California – or elsewhere who I can teach and encourage, let me know. God is looking for men to "show Himself strong in." (2 Chronicles 16:9) Why not in Fullerton or where you are? Why not now!

Jesus, help us spark a revival of praying men, identifying men who can lead themselves and others into the next level of greatness in prayer that you are looking for at this critical time in America.

“Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to teach them that they should always pray and never become discouraged.” Luke 18:1 Good News Translation.

Keep your eyes open for the 1 million-man “Men Praying Everywhere” national prayer campaign. Sign up at <http://promisekeepers.org/>. You will be notified when the prayer campaign website is ready.

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