

Sharing & Praying

Start a Small Prayer / Accountability Group

“Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.” - 1 John 3:2

*“He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”
- Philippians 1:6*

God wants us to help one another become our future glory-selves — the new creations that He will eventually make us. We can do so by spurring one another toward love and goodness (Hebrews 10:24), affirming each other’s gifts, and holding each other accountable to grow out of our sins (Hebrews 3:13). Through the power of God’s grace, we can speak the truth in love, confess, and forgive.

Use the tips below with a friend to help center your conversations on God. You can also use it to start a **gender-based prayer group** of two to four people that meets regularly (e.g. weekly, monthly). If you’re in a Community Group, see if they’re interested in creating smaller prayer groups that gather outside of regular group time.

1. Remember that God is at the center.

Start by asking questions such as:

- How are you and God doing?
- What do you think God is showing you about Himself lately?
- What is God teaching you? What might He want you to unlearn?

2. As each person shares, listen actively and avoid solving the other person’s problems.

Point each other to God by asking questions such as:

- How do you think God is working in this situation?
- How is God encouraging you through this? Sharpening you?

3. Listen to the Holy Spirit.

Trust that He is guiding us and giving us wisdom to speak God’s truths, in love, into one another’s lives.

4. After sharing, briefly record prayer requests and pray for one another.

Trust that God is growing and maturing us as we seek Him wholeheartedly. Refer back to these requests at the next gathering.

Together in Prayer: As you pray in community, use the style of **conversational prayer**. Its use of short, focused prayers prevents anyone from dominating with long, lofty monologues or covering all the prayer requests in one breath. It is also more inviting to those who are shy or new to prayer and encourages them to pray out loud. Download it at redeemer.com/wsprayer.