LEADERSHIP LESSON 41: THE POWER AND PRESENCE OF GOD THROUGH PRAYER OUTLINE BY RICK ELLISON

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Read Philippians 4:6-7.

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WHAT HAPPENS THROUGH THE SUNDAY SCHOOL AS WE PRAY

- When we pray together we are in God's very **presence**. God is present with us in the Sunday School. We can praise Him.
- God becomes our source of <u>strength</u> when we pray together.
- God makes us <u>effective</u> in service when we pray.
- Individuals and our classes become growing and healthy when we pray.
- <u>Children</u> learn how to pray in Sunday School.
- A class can express <u>love</u> and devotion when we pray.
- God gives <u>direction</u> for applying biblical truths as well as for outreach and ministry when we pray.
- God is **<u>pleased</u>** when we pray out of a spirit of love and commitment to Him.
- We **<u>grow</u>** in our understanding of God as we pray.
- We can commit together to do God's <u>will</u> as we pray.
- We discover the <u>needs</u> of one another for ministry as we share prayer requests.
- Our class has an expectancy that God is going to do something **special** as we pray.
- Praying together gives **<u>comfort</u>** and **<u>direction</u>**.
- Prayer strengthens our **families** and helps in times of difficulties.
- Praying together reveals what is on our <u>hearts</u>.
- Prayer gives us an opportunity to confess our <u>sins</u>. Prayer in Sunday School sometimes encourages us to confess sins at a time when we are alone with God. Prayer helps us to accept God's forgiveness.
- Prayer strengthens our relationship to <u>one another</u> in our class.
- Through prayer, God helps us to **focus** with care on those who are unchurched.
- Prayer gives our class the opportunity to express our <u>thankfulness</u> to God.
- Prayer gives the power to accomplish God's purpose and <u>mission</u> for our class.
- When we pray in Sunday School we are often away from distractions. We can **focus** on God.
- Prayer is a key part of our class growing and being healthy.
- When people in the class share problems or <u>crises</u> that seem to have no answer, God is involved through prayer.
- Prayer is an <u>encourager</u> when there is discouragement in the class or among the leaders.
- Prayer teaches us to <u>wait</u> on God by faith when He seems to be silent.
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