

PRAYER

- Pray for one another that each one would have the discipline to integrate prayer in your daily lives.

- Ask God to freely move in and through this nation, your church, your workplace, etc.

- Stand with each other in prayer as you share your concerns.



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That thing you do

Pray
Week 3

NOTES

CONNECT

- What are the things in your life that you see as important and valuable?
- What for you is prayer?
- What are some of the things that you enjoy doing with other people?

WORD

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Acts 2:42

WHAT

What does the Bible say?

One of the things that characterized the early church was their passion for prayer. Acts 2 tells us that they devoted themselves to it. More than a religious tradition and practice, prayer is devotion. What does it mean for us to devote ourselves to prayer?

- **Prioritize prayer.**

They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

Acts 1:14

The disciples saw the importance of prayer that is why they gave it a priority and did it constantly. In the same way, when we see prayer as vital for our spiritual health as our basic needs for the physical body like food, shelter, air, and water, only then will we prioritize it. On a scale of 1 to 5, 1 being the highest, how important is prayer to you?

- **Meet together for prayer.**

²³*On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them.*

²⁴*When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God.*

Acts 4:23,24

Not only did the disciples prioritize prayer personally, they also saw the value of praying together. Like the story in Acts 4:23-31, as a response to persecutions and challenges that the early church faced, they met and prayed together, and God answered mightily. Prayer is not just personal, it is also communal. Who are the people you pray with? What benefits does this bring?

- **God answers prayer.**

⁵*So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him . . .* ¹¹*Then Peter came to himself and said, "Now I know without a doubt that the Lord sent his angel and rescued me from Herod's clutches and from everything the Jewish people were anticipating."*

Acts 12:5,11

Peter's story in Acts 12 proves one important truth about prayer—God answers it! When the church earnestly prayed for Peter, God freed him from the prison miraculously. We must remember though, that our prayers need to be in line with His will, not ours. How does the truth that God answers prayers help you persevere in faith for the things you believe Him for?

SO WHAT

What is the relevance of the Word to my life?

- How do you put value in prayer? When is your regular time for prayer?
- Who are the people you usually pray with? What answers to prayer have you witnessed so far? What are your other prayer concerns?
- What makes praying together beneficial?

NOW WHAT

How do I apply the Word to my life?

- How can you best integrate prayer in your daily life? What is one practical action that you could do to strengthen your prayer life?
- Take the time this week to pray for a friend, coworker, etc. that you don't usually pray for. Who will you pray for and when do you plan to do this?
- Gather your Victory group and pray for your spiritual leaders, the nation, and other concerns that may come up. What avenue can help you do this on a regular basis?