



# SERMON DISCUSSION

Acts 1:12-14; Luke 11:1-4; Hebrews 4:16 // 4.7.2019

*“When God’s People Pray”*

## 1. REVIEW

READ Acts 1:12-14

Jesus was gone now. The disciples gathered in the upper room for ten days as they WAITED together. They embraced the reality that God is WORTHY and We are NEEDY. Describe the testing they faced waiting for the coming of the Holy Spirit:

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In Luke 11, when the disciples came upon Jesus PRAYING, they realized that they needed to be TAUGHT to pray. Describe how Jesus TAUGHT His disciples to PRAY (Luke 11:1-4):

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Believers are taught that prayer is a PRIORITY but we also understand that prayer is a PRIVILEGE (cf. Hebrews 4:16). What motivates followers of Christ to “pray without ceasing” (cf. 1 Thes 5:17)?

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## 2. ASSESS

The early church faced distractions and temptations to LEAVE off praying. Throughout the book of Acts we see that the church kept praying faithfully and God responded powerfully over and over again. How have you personally witnessed God answer prayer? \_\_\_\_\_

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How have you been helped in learning to pray? What roles do PRAISE and THANKFULNESS have in our lives of prayer? \_\_\_\_\_

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In Acts 1 the early church PRAYED. In Acts 2 God ANSWERED and 3,000 came to faith in Christ. What can we learn about God’s answer to their prayers? How can Acts 1-2 “FEED” our prayers?

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## 3. APPLY

Praying emphasizes our DEPENDENCE upon God while Prayerlessness conveys that we can HANDLE things on our own. What steps can I take to express my dependence upon God more clearly? \_\_\_\_\_

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God invites us to DRAW CLOSE to Him (cf. James 4:8). How can you overcome the obstacle and challenges that keep you from spending time in prayer?

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Find another person in your group to encourage one another this week in SEEKING God FIRST and obeying what we have learned together: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Spend time in prayer as a group that God will give you the strength to be obedient in these areas this week.

## MY GROUP'S COMMITMENTS

## SERMON NOTES

When God's People Pray...

1. We Learn How to Pray
2. We Gather Together to Pray
3. We Let the Scriptures Feed our Prayers
4. We Continue Together, United in Prayer
5. We Pray Expecting God to Answer

## 5 DAY READING PLAN

### DAY 1

READ - Colossians 4:2

What I learned (observations/interpretation):

How I will respond (application):

### DAY 2

READ - James 4:1-10

What I learned:

How I will respond:

### DAY 3

READ - James 5:13-18

What I learned:

How I will respond:

### DAY 4

READ - Hebrews 4:14-16

What I learned:

How I will respond:

### DAY 5

READ - Psalm 37:4-5

What I learned:

How I will respond: