



The American church is struggling. The culture has become hostile toward Christianity. Financially we are not as secure as we used to be. And many people view the church as irrelevant. Yet the answer is not some new program or improved way of doing ministry – we need revival! We desperately need to experience the power and presence of God. In the book of Acts we learn that the only way for this to happen is by depending upon God together in prayer. So, if you're ready for a fresh encounter with God, come learn to pray together and expect him to do great things.

Discussion Questions: (Leaders please review each question and pick those that will be most beneficial for your group.)

1. Pastor John Piper says “Prayer is primarily a wartime walkie-talkie for the mission of the church as it advances against the powers of darkness and unbelief. God has given us prayer as the wartime walkie-talkie so that we can call headquarters for everything we need for the kingdom of God to advance in this world.” He goes on to say, “It is not surprising that prayer malfunctions when we try to make it a domestic intercom to call upstairs for more comforts in the den.”ⁱ How would having this wartime perspective change how we pray? Explain.
2. Read Acts 2:42-47. As the church moves out as witnesses for Christ and his kingdom, according to v.42 to what were they devoted? Briefly explain each of these in your own words.
3. The end of v.42 says “they devoted themselves to . . . prayer.” The reason prayer comes last is not because it is least important, but because prayer is what undergirds the other three elements. The first element they prayed for was the success of God’s word. What bible verse speaks to where you are at in life right now? Will you memorize this verse and begin praying for the success of God’s word in your life this week?
4. Next, they prayed for the needs of those in the fellowship. What’s your greatest need right now? Will you share this with your group, with the Pathway body, and ask them to pray for you? Will you also commit to pray for the needs of others in the fellowship at Pathway at least weekly? (Contact the Pathway office pathwaychurch@gmail.com and ask for the weekly payer email if you don’t receive it.)
5. The third element they prayed for was the advancement of the reign and rule of Jesus Christ. Part of God’s vision for Pathway is to reach every lost person in this region with the gospel. Specifically we’re asking God to use us to see 1000 people come to salvation. Will you join us in praying for this, asking God to use you to this end?
6. In order to experience the power and presence of God as witnesses for Christ and his kingdom, we must devote ourselves to praying together. Yet the reality is only dependent people devote themselves to prayer. **Do you believe that apart from God you can do nothing?** Confess and repent of your pride and ask God to humble you and make you more dependent upon him.

ⁱ John Piper, Let the Nations Be Glad! (Baker Academic, Grand Rapids, MI 1997) p. 65.