

Pray Together
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To whom do we pray?
Acts 4:24-31



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. Have you ever been lost and needed to stop and ask for directions? How did that go? How is stopping and asking for directions similar to praying to God?
2. Read Acts 4:24-31. If we are going to ask God for the help we need, we must understand who he is and who we are. What is the context for this prayer? How did they view God in this prayer?
3. Their prayer reveals they believe God is sovereign over their circumstances and that he put them there to accomplish his sovereign purpose - the advancement of his kingdom. What difficult or seemingly impossible situation are you in today? Do you believe God is sovereign over it and actually has put you there to use you to advance his kingdom?
4. Read Acts 17:24-25. Although this is not a prayer but part of Paul's sermon, from it we learn something very important more about God and how to approach him in prayer. In v.25 we learn this principle: we do not serve God, but he serves us. In other words he provides what we need to accomplish his sovereign purpose: the advancement of his kingdom. Looking back at Acts 4:23-31 we see this truth reflected in their prayer. What did they ask God for? How did God answer it?
5. What happens we when try to do great things for God? How would it be different if we asked God to give us whatever we need in our present circumstance in order for his kingdom to come and his will to be accomplished in that situation?
6. What do you need today from God to participate in seeing his kingdom come and his will done in your life? Will you ask God for this? Will you let others know what you need and ask them to join you in praying for this?