

Week of November 10 - "Devotion to Prayer" SG Lesson 4

Connecting With One Another

Do you have a memory of your first prayer? What prompted you to pray, and what did you ask for? Who taught you how to pray?

Lesson Verses - Acts 2:42-47 (CSB)

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer. 43 Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and signs were being performed through the apostles. 44 Now all the believers were together and held all things in common. 45 They sold their possessions and property and distributed the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple, and broke bread from house to house. They ate their food with joyful and sincere hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. Every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Discuss & Apply

1. Identify the various essentials to which the first believers committed. (Note: In this lesson, the focus is on the fourth essential: PRAYER)

2. The Bible doesn't explicitly define prayer. How would you define prayer based on your personal understanding?

3. Select and read at least three from these prayer-related passages in Acts: (1:12-14, 2:42-47, 4:27-31, 6:1-7, 9:10-12, 10:1-8, 12:1-5, 14:21-23, 16:25-34)
   - Describe the role of prayer in the lives of the first believers in each instance.
   - What valuable insights can we gain from their prayer life?

4. How frequently do you pray alone and with others? What are the usual subjects of your prayers?

5. Can you share a recent answered prayer? Do you have a prayer that seems unanswered, and how do you handle such a situation?

6. What are some ways you and your small group can plan and do to increase your devotion to prayer?

Magnify

Minister to one another through sharing specific prayer requests.