



We Devote Ourselves to Prayer

Acts 2:42; Acts 4:23-31 (pew Bible pp. 1005,1006-7)

I. They devoted themselves to prayer . . .

A. Who did they pray to?

- ❖ The God who is _____ over everything in the world.
- ❖ The God who _____ everything we need.

B. Why did they pray?

- ❖ They were utterly dependent on God's _____.
- ❖ They were utterly desperate for God's _____.
- ❖ They were utterly devoted to God's _____.

C. Why did they pray?

- ❖ For the _____ of God's Word.
- ❖ For the _____ of each other and the world.
- ❖ For the _____ of God's worship.

II. We devote ourselves to prayer . . .

D. Taking the next steps:

- ❖ Pray a _____ each day—all day.
- ❖ Set aside _____, concentrated time each day to pray for local and global needs around you.

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- ❖ Register to attend the _____ for October 22.



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I. Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this Sunday's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.
2. When you think of being devoted to prayer, what comes to mind? Do you think we are a church who is devoted to prayer? Why or why not?

II. Digging Deeper

3. Why do you think Pastor Cindy began the sermon by focusing on God being sovereign and being the one who supplies everything we need? What affect should this knowledge have in the way we pray?
4. One of the points to "why did they pray?" was that they were utterly desperate for God's grace. How do you define God's grace? What do you think it means to live under God's grace?
5. Look at these other passages, not mentioned in the sermon, to see further how the early church was desperate for God's grace. Note every time you see God's grace mentioned.
 - ❖ Acts 13:43 ❖ Acts 14:26
 - ❖ Acts 15:11 ❖ Acts 18:27
 - ❖ Acts 20:24 ❖ Acts 20:32
6. When you examine your own prayer life, what do you typically pray for? Do you often pray for the things mentioned in Sunday's sermon: the success of God's Word, needs of each other and the world and the spread of God's worship? Explain.

III. Applying God's Truth

7. As a result of Sunday's sermon, have you changed anything about the way you pray or the content of what you pray? If so, explain?
8. Did you try any of the prayer challenges? If so share about your experiences. What obstacles did you encounter? What surprises did you find? What new insights did you gain? How have you seen God at work?
 - ❖ Praying a scripture each day, all day.
 - ❖ Setting aside a structured, concentrated time of prayer each day to pray for local and global needs around you.
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