



difference do you think prayer would have made?

Thought # 3 – Prayer unites hearts and minds!

Verses: Acts 4:31-33, Matthew 22:37-39

- Tell of a time when you witnessed how prayer united a group of people and softened hearts? What was the circumstance? What was the result? What are your “take-a-ways” from the experience?
- How does seeking the heart of God give us a heart for others? How does prayer unite people around the mission of the church?

Thought # 4 – During hard seasons, we should pray for movement!

Verses: Acts 12:5

- List some of the difficulties that “we” have faced in our church, city, state, country, and world over the past few years. Based on this list, where would you like to see God move? In what ways would you like to see God lead us?

Challenge: Encourage Others Not to Quit!

- At the end of the service, the congregation prayed though the following prayer prompts. Ask your group the following clarifying questions for these prompts:
- We invite you to lead us, Lord!
 - In what specific ways would you like the Lord to lead you/us?
- We invite you to slow us down, Lord.
 - In what specific areas would you like the Lord to slow you/us down?
- We invite you to make us one, Lord.
 - In what specific areas would you like the Lord to unify us?
- We invite you to move, Lord.
 - In what specific ways would you like to see the Lord move?

MAIN SCRIPTURE: Jeremiah 29:13

¹³ You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

WARM UP

- Is there anyone in your life who has a mind and way of thinking that makes you marvel or wonder? Who is someone you’d love to know how their mind works so that you can understand their ways?
- Jeremiah 29:13 says that we are able to seek and find God. What a great truth. How does this make you feel?

(Below you will find the main points of this week’s sermon along with discussion questions. Feel free to use, reword, or omit questions depending on the needs of your group and the time needed for prayer, care, and fellowship. Thank you for your leadership.)

Thought #1 – Pray for God’s Leading!

Verses: Acts 1:21-26

- Read Acts 1:21-26. What were the disciples trying to figure out? What methods did they choose to make this decision? What role did prayer (God) play in this decision? What might have been at risk if prayer were not a part of this decision?
- Tell of a time in your life when you prayed for the Lord’s leading. What was the result?

Thought # 2 – Pray first, then act!

Verses: Acts 1:21-26, Proverbs 16:33

- How might praying first and acting later change the effectiveness of our conversations, decisions, emails, communication, Facebook, etc.?
- Tell of a time in your life when you wish you would have prayed before responding or acting in a certain way. Why do you say this? What

