

Life Group Guide – ‘Devoted’ Series November 2025

Week Starting 16th November – DEVOTED TO PRAYER – Part 1

This Week’s BIG IDEA

To understand *what prayer is* and *why* God calls His people to be devoted to it. Discovering how prayer transforms both God’s actions in the world *and* our own hearts and lives.

It would be unusual for us to speak about prayer together and not allow plenty of space for some prayer ministry time to happen. If possible, please try and make sure you allow a good portion of your time together for thanksgiving and intercession; whether this is at the beginning of the time together or towards the end

Acts 2:42–47 (NIV)

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Icebreaker: can anyone recite these verses from memory?

When you hear the word prayer, what comes to mind? Perhaps duty, mystery, intimacy, frustration, hope? Why?

What is prayer? Perhaps ask the group to write down their own answer and then encourage them to read it out.

- *Prayer is speaking with God personally. It is the language we speak to Him with, in order to participate in a relationship with Him.*

Further discussion questions:

1. How would you describe your current relationship with prayer — simple, complex, joyful, difficult? Share one word or phrase that best describes how you *feel* about prayer right now.
2. Which aspect of prayer (adoration, confession, lament, asking, thanksgiving) feels most natural to you? Least natural?
3. What helps you remember that prayer is about connection more than results?

Reflection Verse:

Psalms 145:18 – “The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.”

Why Does Prayer Matter?

- **A. Prayer impacts the way God acts**

“Because He is our loving Father in Heaven; and He responds from that position of love whenever He hears our voice.” (quoted from the Everyday Online preach)

Scriptures to explore:

- 2 Chronicles 7:11-16
- Psalm 34
- Luke 11:1-13
- James 4:1-3

Further discussion questions:

1. How do you understand the idea that our prayers can “impact the way God acts”?
2. Have you ever seen a situation change — outwardly or inwardly — through prayer?
3. How does viewing God as a loving Father change your expectations when you pray?

Quote to reflect on: *“Prayer is more about connection than it is about outcome.”*

- **B. Prayer impacts the way we act**

To be a person of prayer is the most ordinary and yet the most radical way of life.

Examples from Acts:

- Acts 4:31 – Prayer imparts boldness.
- Acts 7:60 – Prayer enables forgiveness.
- Acts 9:40 – Prayer brings resurrection power.
- Acts 16:25-34 – Prayer brings freedom, transformation and salvation.

Further discussion questions:

1. What stands out to you in these examples of prayer from Acts?
2. How might your own habits or priorities change if you became more “devoted to prayer”?
3. What might it look like for our group/church to be known as a *people of prayer*?