

Open It!

Share a time when you have been in awe of the faith of a child.

Consider It!

Read Acts 1:4-14

What command did Jesus give his disciples and why (1:4-5)?

What promise did Jesus give his disciples and why (1:6-8)?

What did the disciples do in obedience (1:14)?

How might Jesus' command and promise have shaped the content of their prayer?

How should these verses guide us in praying together?

Read Acts 4:23-31

What crisis did the church face (4:17-18, 21, 23)?

What does their prayer teach us about faith in the Sovereignty of God in moments of crisis (4:24-28)?

What did they ask of God and how did God answer (4:29-31)?

How should these verses teach us to pray?

Read Acts 12:1-19

What crisis did the church face (12:1-5)?

How did they respond (12:12)?

How did God answer their prayers (12:6-11)?

What is most surprising in this account? Why?

How is life better when we pray together?

Live It!

Identify three requests we should devote ourselves to ask of God in prayer. What are three things from these passages that express the will of God?

Name two other believers you will join for the purpose of prayer.

Agree on a time and place to pray together.

Life Is Better Together

Praying Together

Acts 1:4-14; 4:23-31; 12:1-19

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Sermon Question

What's Better About Praying Together?

Praying Together in Obedience

Acts 1:4-14

All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

Acts 1:14 (ESV)

Praying Together Under Threat

Acts 4:23-31

When [Peter and John] were released, they went to their friends and reported what the chief priests and the elders had said to them. ²⁴ And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said, "Sovereign Lord..."

Acts 4:23–24 (ESV)

Praying Together for Rescue

Acts 12:1-19

When Peter came to himself, he said, "Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting."

¹² When he realized this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John whose other name was Mark, where many were gathered together and were praying.

Acts 12:11–12 (ESV)