

 **HEART**

8. How would you characterize your typical prayers: prayer to God or prayer with God? What does praying with God entail?
9. What are some things you have been praying for persistently? How do passages such as Luke 18 encourage you in this regard?

 **HANDS**

10. What are the characteristics of morning prayer and evening prayer? How can you actively engage in each?
11. Zwemer said, "The history of missions is the history of answered prayer." Name three individuals that you are, or should be, actively praying for regarding their conversion.



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Acts 12:1-19

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Notes:

1. Pray _____ God Not _____ God

2. _____ is like a War-Time Walkie-Talkie

3. Prayer is a _____ Exercise



BIG IDEA OF SUNDAY'S SERMON

Nothing can stop a church that prays with God

QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH

* Name some famous things or events that the world has trouble explaining? (I.e.- Bigfoot, the Loch Ness Monster, etc.) What makes these things hard to explain?



Read Acts 12:1-19

1. From the text itself, what did you hear/learn that you did not know before this weekend?
2. Read the following passages from Luke's Gospel and state the one big idea regarding prayer from each:
 - Luke 11:5-10
 - Luke 18:1-8
 - Luke 11:-11-13
3. According to Acts 12, what motivated Herod to kill James and imprison Peter? What impact might these actions have had on the church? Why do you think Herod put Peter under such heavy security?
4. Verse 5 highlights the response of the church to Peter's imprisonment. Do you think prayer is a legitimate response to the evil actions of men? Why or why not? What is the implication of the expression "earnest prayer"?
5. Why did God allow James to be martyred while delivering Peter from the same fate? How important is it for us to remember that James, too, was blessed?
6. The prayer meeting at Mary's house was not something the church leaders organized. Instead, these were lay people recognizing a need and praying for that need. What does this tell you about the practice of prayer in a Christian community?
7. Quoting John Piper, Pastor Tim said, "Prayer is a wartime walkie talkie and not a domestic intercom." What is the difference between these two things and how should this truth affect our prayer lives?