

PRAYING BETTER TOGETHER

ACTS 1:14

Introduction – *What to do while waiting* • Acts 1:7,8,14
• Joshua 3:5

I. How important was prayer in the life of the early church?

So important that they prayed c_____

So important that they made prayer a p_____

• Acts 1:14; 2:42; 6:4

So important that they prayed t_____

• Acts 1:14; 2:46; 4:24

II. Why is praying so important?

III. What happens when we pray together?

Praying together:

- e_____ us

- stretches our f_____ and enlarges our
v_____

- t_____ us h_____ to pray

- helps us to f_____

IV. How should we pray when we are together? Some guidelines

Group prayer is a c_____ with God.

- Pray n_____

- Pray b_____

- Pray about one t_____ at a time

- Feel free to pray more than o_____

- Pray h_____

V. Where should we focus our prayers as we prepare for the 40 Days of Community?

- Pray for times of r_____ and
r_____ (Acts 3:19)

- Pray for b_____ (Acts 4:29,39)

- Pray that many people would c_____ to k_____
Jesus (Acts 6:7)

- Pray for great j_____ in our community (Acts 8:8).

- Pray to see our n_____ of relationship in new ways
(Acts 10:24)

• family

• friends

• factory or firm

• fun

• fellowship

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

OCTOBER 2-8

Each day this week we will look at believers in Acts devoting themselves to prayer. In each case look for

- Who was praying?
- What prompted their prayers?
- What were they praying for, or praying about?
- How important was prayer for them?
- What happened after they prayed?

What would you like to see God do in your own life during the 40 Days of Community? What would you like to see God do in your small group? What would you like to see him do in your community? Pray about these things. Enlist someone else to pray with you for these requests during these 40 Days.

Monday Acts 2:38-47 - Review outline point I. from the sermon.

Tuesday Acts 4:23-31 - Review outline point II. from the sermon.

Wednesday Acts 6:1-7 - Review outline point III. from the sermon.

Thursday Acts 10:1-48 - Review outline point IV. from the sermon.

Friday Acts 12:1-19 - Review outline point V. from the sermon.

Saturday Acts 13:1-3; 14:21-28 – Prepare your heart for tonight's Concert of Prayer.

Sunday Acts 20:13-38 – Prepare your heart for the worship service and today's launch of the 40 Days of Community