

LESSON 5 — PRAYER

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Engaging God's Word

Acts 2:42-47 — ⁴² And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵ And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Hebrews 4:16 — ¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.



Examining Our Hearts

What does it mean for prayer to be a conversation with God?



Sharing with Each Other

Is there someone you know that you would describe as being "good at prayer?" What are specific things about them that lend towards that description?

Is there a time in your life when you've felt that prayer was central? Why do you think it was central during that time?

In your opinion, what are some of the things that make it hard for us to pray?

Is it hard for you to pray? Why or why not?

As a group, how can you encourage each other towards talking to God this week?



Talking with God — Pray that God, by his spirit, would help you personally and us corporately to be a church that is devoted to prayer.

Pray for God to show you where you need to ask for prayer and encouragement.

Pray for God to bring to mind relationships that you need to pursue in prayer.

Pray for God to show you your "time of need" and where you need to ask for grace and mercy.