

WELCOME

November 15, 2009

Discovery is a non-denominational Christian Church that seeks to lead people to discover and experience life, love and hope in Jesus Christ. These values drive our Sunday morning worship, community gatherings throughout the week, and the ministries we serve in.

FALL MESSAGE SERIES

'CHURCH'

A Study Through the Book of Acts

This week's message:

CHURCH: Praying Together

Acts 4:23-31

Prayer is the LIFELINE of the Church.

How did the Church pray together in Acts 4?

The People Who Prayed:

Peter, John & their own people = the Church

The Answer That Came:

An outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

The Prayer That Was Prayed:

- **Declaring that God is SOVEREIGN CREATOR & LORD.**
(Ex. 34:6-7; Ps. 104; John 1:1-5, 14; Col. 1:15-22)
- **Reconciling of current circumstances with TRUTH.**
(Psalm 22:1-5; Psalm 73; John 16:33)
- **Requesting what is NEEDED MOST.**
(Rom. 8:26-27; Gal. 5:22-23; Heb. 4:14-16; James 1:5)

This Week's Reading Through Acts:

Sunday	Acts 21	Tuesday	Acts 23	Friday	Acts 26
Monday	Acts 22	Wednesday	Acts 24	Saturday	Acts 27
		Thursday	Acts 25		

Community Group Discussion Guide

Review Acts 4:23-31. If you missed Sunday's message, listen online.

Review the circumstances that led up to the believers' prayer. What circumstances typically lead you to pray?

Who are your "own people"? How do you pray together? What thoughts go through your mind when we pray together on Sundays or in our Community Groups? Even if you are not the one praying aloud, how can you "raise our voices together in prayer"?

The model of prayer we discussed in Acts 4:23-31 includes:

- Humbled hearts
- "raising their voices together"
- Declaring who God is
- Reconciling circumstances
- Recognizing Scriptural truth
- and finally, Making requests

Do your prayers typically look like this? What are you leaving out? What other ways do you pray? (see Ps. 86; 90; Hab. 3:1-19; Matt. 6:5-13; Luke 5:15-16; Rom. 8:26; Eph. 3:14-21; Col. 4:2-4; 1 Thess. 5:17; 1 Tim. 5:5; James 5:13-18) When should our prayers look like Acts 4? What answers do we expect from our prayers?

Take some time to discuss your current circumstances in life. Pray together and apply what we've learned from Acts 4.

Also, pray together for the church, our leaders, the unity of the Body, and our upcoming BIG THANKS (Nov. 22) and Community Service (Nov. 29).

MORE NOTES:
