

# THE THINGS WE DO

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**WARM UP QUESTIONS:** How do you approach someone when you need to ask for something? How does it vary depending on who the person you are asking is?

**READ:** Acts 2:42, Acts 4:24-27

**FOCUS:** We pray, and we pray together.

## **OBSERVE:**

When we pray together, we partner with God to advance His Kingdom and transform our culture with His power.

- We must commit to igniting personal prayer in our own lives. This is the start of a corporate prayer movement that God develops as we partner with Him. Prayer involves talking and listening to God. It invites God into our situation. We want to build our prayer lives on this aspect of having a relationship with God. Having intimacy with God helps you to reflect His glory.
- We cultivate a lifestyle of prayer when we pray together. Many burdens and challenges cannot be handled alone. We experience unity and God's power when we are in agreement in corporate prayer. The aspect of being together in prayer can also affirm and confirm God's purposes in our lives and transform us and our culture to live out those purposes.
- If prayer has that much power, why don't we do it? Spiritual resistance is one of the main reasons we are held back; the enemy does not want us to pray because he knows it is powerful. Fear and doubt can also create an internal barrier that can come from a comparison mindset that must be set aside. We are each called to an individual relationship with God that will have unique features, qualities and aspects that make it even more special.
- Being persistent is the main way that we will succeed in experiencing a deeper measure of God. We can also ask God to help us know how to pray and be persistent in prayer. Reading the scripture can inspire and transform us to want to pray and to know what to pray. Having accountability in praying with others can motivate more prayer in your life.

## **TAKING ACTION:**

- Consider joining our daily 30-minute prayer calls at noon Monday-Saturday and 8 AM on Sunday, 919-551-8101.
- Find someone today who can keep you accountable over the next month to steadily increase your commitment to prayer and time in prayer.

## **REFLECT:**

- How do you see prayer impacting your life and situation?
- How could prayer impact your community and the culture around you?

## **PRAY:**

*Lord Jesus, we ask that You would give us hearts overflowing with desire to pray, that You would fill our mouths with words of prayer. Help us to partner with Christ and with the Word of God to see transformation in our lives and in the lives of those around us as we pray individually and corporately. We love You, Jesus and we place our hope in You to overcome all that opposes us in this world, in Jesus' name. Amen.*

