

Becoming the Church We All Need

week five: "devoted to the prayers"

follow-up discussion questions

Acts 2:42 – "They devoted themselves to... the prayers."

- What was something specific from the teaching this past Sunday that connected with you (an encouragement, a challenge, a new way of thinking)? Were there any questions that lingered for you?
- Where or how were you first introduced to prayer?
 - **Who** comes to mind? **What** setting(s)/events?
 - How do you think this impacted your early ideas about prayer?
- Prayer is both the most **ordinary** thing for a Christian and one of the grandest **mysteries**.
 - How have you experienced something of each of these?
- How has your practice and experience of prayer **changed** over the seasons of your faith and life?
 - What do you think has contributed to these changes?
- Recall Daniel's insight that the text literally says – "*the devoted themselves to the prayers...*" (not just to prayer). One of the implications of this being that the Christians did not abandon the prayer rhythms of the Jewish synagogue, but continued to participate in these prayers/times – now in the name of Jesus.
 - What, if any, difference does the example of their being devoted to "*the prayers*" make for you?
- What holds us back from being devoted to the prayers? And conversely, what helps you live devoted to God in prayer?

----- pray together: for one another and our devotion to prayer