

First Steps Of The First Church

4 October - Ron Aulbach

Acts 1:12-14

LIFE

Building life giving relationships

CATCH UP: Spend 20-30 minutes catching up with each member of the group and sharing prayer requests. Make sure to spend a few minutes praying for each other. Maybe have each person/couple pray for the person/couple on the right, to encourage each person to pray out loud.

YOUR STORY: Share a time that prayer impacted your life. Or share your favorite fall food.

GOD

Growing more like Jesus together

ENGAGE THE MESSAGE:

1. **Read** Acts 1:8-14. How have you seen God's power, purpose, and plan in your life this week?
2. Pastor Ron shared that the first church took its first steps UNITED IN PRAYER. Why is it important to have unity in the church? How does that compare to what's seen in the world today? What can you and your group do to help?
3. Prayer can be traced through the entire book of Acts. Ron read a few related verses from other chapters (Acts 3:1, 4:24, 6:3-4, 7:59, 28:8). Pick one and read the context surrounding it. Discuss how prayer changed the story.
4. Common barriers to prayer can be that a person feels 1) ashamed they don't pray enough, 2) confused on how to pray, 3) prayer is a lot of work with few results. Which of these do you resonate with? What barriers do you put up when it comes to prayer?

OTHERS

Loving God and loving others

READING CHALLENGE: Pastor Ron challenged us to read through Acts as a church. How can we encourage each other towards this challenge?

PRAYER: As a group discuss how you can pray more often together and when you are apart. Consider pairing up and praying for each other or sharing prayer requests over text.

ACTS READING PLAN



THE ART OF BEING
Unordinary

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