



The Mission of Prayer

Scripture: Acts 4:23-31

Sermon Points:

1. Your Bible will help your prayers.
2. Empty prayers fall under their own weight; take courage to be honest.
3. Sometimes what you seek for you needs to happen in you.
Adore — Express affection to God for who He is and what He has done.
Confess — Tell God your sins and ask for His forgiveness.
Thank — Express gratitude for something God has done for you.
Seek — Submit your requests and needs to God.

Remind your Small Group if they'd like to join 21 Day Prayer Challenge

TEXT: Prayer to 855-672-0257 or go to HCBC.com/prayer-challenge

Group Opener:

Have each person answer the question. What are the top 2 things you are thanking God for?

Discussion Questions:

1. The passage in Acts 4:23-31 this week records an early church prayer, it begins with Adoring God for who He is.
For those of you who do begin prayer with Adoring God, what do you tend to say and how does it impact your time in prayer?
2. The prayer in Acts came after a spiritual victory AND a cultural challenge. How often does our culture today discourage you as you pray for the world around you?
3. The church prayed pretty openly about how much of the culture around them challenged God. What is your general response to a God in control, but a world that feels out of control?

LEADERS NOTE: Set the “closing atmosphere” of your group by preparing what your BIG PRAYER will be and leading off the group with it. We'd suggest having someone write down each prayer and send them out so your group can continue to pray!

4. As we “mature” it can become more difficult to pray BIG PRAYERS. This small group is a great place to pray with faith like they did in Acts Ch 4. What is a prayer that is important to you and bigger than you are comfortable with?