

GROWTH GUIDE

For you. Your family. Your group.

ANCIENT PATHS: THE SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE OF PRAYER

ACTS 4:23-31

FOR THE WEEK OF JAN 10, 2021

SERMON OUTLINE

1. At all times, prayer is the needed response. Acts 4:23-24a
2. Call out to the sovereign God of creation. Acts 4:24b-28
3. Ask God to move in response. Acts 4:29-30
 - a. Boldness
 - b. Healing
 - c. Glory
4. Expect a filling of the Holy Spirit. Acts 4:31

REVIEW THE PASSAGE

Review the context of the passage. What is the main focus of the church's prayer? What are some things that may have been expected but they did not pray for?

Do you keep a list of things you are praying for? What are some of the things are on that list? As you think about the things you pray about, what are the similarities or differences from this prayer?

ASSESS YOUR LIFE

When is it the easiest for you to pray? What times are the most difficult?

The believers began in acknowledging who it was they are praying to. What are some verses that speak of God's power and character that are needed truths to remember in prayer? Evaluate your times in prayer: do they include an acknowledgement of God's power and character? What impact does this have on our prayer?

APPLY THE TRUTH

For the group: What are some areas that as a group you can be praying about together as a group for our households, church, and community? Make a list and commit to pray together in the coming weeks both in meetings together and throughout the week.

For you: Where do you NEED God's power and presence to be at work? Are there any places that you are asking God to work in a way that only he is able?