

Silver Creek Fellowship NOTES

April 28

GO TOGETHER THE CHURCH PRAYS

1. The praying Church.

- A. Acts 1 we see the Church Commissioned.
- B. Acts 2 we see the Church empowered.
- C. Acts 3 we see the Church healing.
- D. Acts 4 we see the Church praying.

Acts 4:29-31 (NKJV) *"Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus." And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness."*

2. Two things the disciples knew to do.

- A. Be together.
- B. Pray.

Acts 1:13-14 (NKJV) *"And when they had entered, they went up into the upper room where they were staying; Peter, James, John, and Andrew; Philip and Thomas; Bartholomew and Matthew; James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot; and Judas the son of James. These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers."*

3. Teach us to pray.

Luke 11:1 (NKJV) *"Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, that one of His disciples said to Him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.'"*

- A. Why would they ask Jesus to teach them to pray?
- B. They had observed Jesus' prayer life and had seen something different.
- C. Jesus' prayers were:

Personal.

Luke 5:15-16 (NKJV) *"However, the report went around concerning Him all the more; and great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by Him of their infirmities. So He Himself often withdrew into the wilderness and prayed."*

Powerful.

Luke 9:13-15 (NKJV) "But He said to them, 'You give them something to eat.' And they said, 'We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we go and buy food for all these people.' For there were about five thousand men. Then He said to His disciples, 'Make them sit down in groups of fifty.' And they did so, and made them all sit down. Then He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the multitude. So they all ate and were filled, and twelve baskets of the leftover fragments were taken up by them."

Prophetic.

John 17:20-22 (NKJV) "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one."

D. They saw His prayers were effective.

E. Prayer is collaborating with heaven to see God's kingdom come and will be done here on earth.

4. Prayer lessons.

A. **Ask.**

Luke 11:9-13 (NKJV) "So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

B. **Abide.**

John 15:5, 7-8 (NKJV) "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples."

C. **Agree.**

Matthew 18:19-20 (TPT) "Again, I give you an eternal truth: If two of you agree to ask God for something in a symphony of prayer, my heavenly Father will do it for you. For wherever two or three come together in honor of my name, I am right there with them!"

Matthew 18:18 (NKJV) "Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

Mark 11:17 (NKJV) "Then He taught, saying to them, 'Is it not written, "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations"? But you have made it a den of thieves.'"