

Revolutionary Church (Revolutionary Prayer)
Message #1- "World Changers - Prayer Required"
Acts 1:1 - 2:3
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Some Things I Know about Life in Acts Chapter 1

These were _____ . Acts 1:1-5

"...until the day He (Jesus) was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy spirit to the apostles He had chosen. ³ After His suffering, He showed Himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that He was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God."

These days were a little _____ . Acts 1:6-8

"So when they met together, they asked Him, 'Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' ⁷ He said to them, 'It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by His own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and to all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'"

These days were full of _____

_____ . Acts 1:5, 9-10

"After He said this, He was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid Him from their sight. ¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as He was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹ 'Men of Galilee,' they said, 'why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen Him go into heaven.'"

Three Key Positions to See God Work

Acts 1:1 - 2:3

1. They were _____ . 1:14, 2:1

A. There is encouragement in _____ . See Acts 4:32-33

"All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had."

B. There is power in _____ . Phil. 2:1-3

"The purpose of Colonial Woods Missionary Church is to develop fully committed disciples of Christ through CHANGED LIVES!"

"Do everything short of sinning to reach people for Christ." John Wesley

2. They were in _____ . 1:14

"They all joined together constantly in prayer..."

PRAYER- What's the Big Deal?

A. Prayer is an acknowledgement that this will not happen by _____ .

John 3:5-6 "Jesus answered, 'I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. ⁶ Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.'" NIV

Zech. 4:6 "So he said to me, 'This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel; 'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the Lord Almighty.'" NIV

"Prayer sustains our spiritual health by securing God's presence and grace for our lives, just as breathing brings life sustaining oxygen to our physical bodies." Jim Cymbala

"Come near to God and He will come near to you." James 4:8

“...without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him.” Heb. 11:6

C. Prayer is a key avenue of _____ . John 4:23-24

“Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. ²⁴ God is spirit, and His worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.”
Jesus

D. Prayer is the beginning of a _____ . Psalm 16:11

“Prayer is keeping company with God.” Quote from “Love to Pray”, Week 1, Day 1

E. Prayer is made possible through the _____
_____. Heb. 4:14-16, 10:19-22

3. They were “_____” what they were supposed to be “_____”.

“On one occasion, while He was eating with them, He gave them this command: ‘Do not leave Jerusalem but **wait** for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵ For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’” Acts 1:4-5, 12, 2:1

They did exactly what they were supposed to do..._____!

“But, O my soul, don’t be discouraged. Don’t be upset. **Expect God to act!** For I know that I shall again have plenty of reason to praise Him for all that He will do. He is my help! He is my God!” Psalm 42:11 TLB