

# Discovery Bible Study

## "The Role and Practice of Prayer" in Acts

(Taken from the AMI CPM Strategy Course)

As you read the passages below, prayerfully consider the questions listed at the end of this document. We further suggest that you prepare your heart to receive from the Lord as you read and meditate on how He would have you change and grow as a result of interacting with His Word.

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| Acts 1:14   | All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.                                                                                    |
| Acts 1:24   | And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen."                                                                                                          |
| Acts 2:42   | And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.                                                                                                      |
| Acts 6:6    | These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.                                                                                                                                        |
| Acts 8:15   | ...who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit,                                                                                                                                            |
| Acts 9:11   | And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying,                                                          |
| Acts 9:40   | But Peter put them all outside, and knelt down and prayed; and turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up.                                                |
| Acts 10:1-2 | At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion of what was known as the Italian Cohort, a devout man who feared God with all his household, gave alms generously to the people, and prayed continually to God. |
| Acts 10:9   | The next day, as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the housetop about the sixth hour to pray.                                                                                        |
| Acts 10:30  | And Cornelius said, "Four days ago, about this hour, I was praying in my house at the ninth hour, and behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing                                                                   |
| Acts 11:5   | "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me.                                    |
| Acts 12:5   | So Peter was kept in prison, but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church.                                                                                                                                   |

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| Acts 12:12    | When he realized this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John whose other name was Mark, where many were gathered together and were praying.                                                                                                                                        |
| Acts 13:3     | Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Acts 14:23    | And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed.                                                                                                                                               |
| Acts 16:16    | As we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by fortune-telling.                                                                                                                                      |
| Acts 16:25-26 | About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bonds were unfastened. |
| Acts 20:36    | After Paul exhorts the Ephesian elders and before he departs: "And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them<br>"."                                                                                                                                                   |
| Acts 21:5     | When our days there were ended, we departed and went on our journey, and they all, with wives and children, accompanied us until we were outside the city. And kneeling down on the beach, we prayed.                                                                                         |
| Acts 22:17    | When I had returned to Jerusalem and was praying in the temple, I fell into a trance.                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Acts 27:29    | And fearing that we might run on the rocks, they let down four anchors from the stern and prayed for day to come.                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Acts 28:8     | It happened that the father of Publius lay sick with fever and dysentery. And Paul visited him and prayed, and putting his hands on him healed him.                                                                                                                                           |

- From the passages above, what can you learn about the role of prayer in Acts?
- From the passages above, what can you learn about the practice of prayer in Acts?
- What is the Lord highlighting to you from this study?
- What do you need to change as a result of what you have learned, and when and how will you implement those needed changes?
- With whom (& when) can you share what you have learned from the above passages, perhaps to also encourage them in growing in prayer?