Family Discipleship Resource

Feb 23-Mar 1 (Acts 1:12-14)



G – <u>Gather for Prayer</u>

Father,

Thank you for making it possible to communicate with you through prayer. Help me to grow in my prayer life and help our church to become a house of prayer.

In Jesus' Name, Amen

R - Read the Text (Acts 1:12-14)

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³ When they had entered the city, they went up to the upper room where they were staying; that is, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴ These all with one mind were continually devoting themselves to prayer, along with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.

O – Observe what God has said

Who was praying? How were they praying?

Why do you suppose prayer was such an important part of the disciples' lives?

W - Work on Application

Obedient (they prayed where they were told to pray per Jesus' command in Acts 1:4), Corporate (they prayed altogether), and fervent (they prayed continually and devotedly) prayer characteristics the lives of the first disciples/followers of Jesus Christ as God prepared them for a new and exciting season. Such obedient, corporate, and fervent prayer ought to continue to be a mainstay in the life of the church today. This ought to call us to consider our own personal prayer lives as well as the culture of prayer within the Salem Baptist Church family. Are we a people of prayer? As we are on mission today as a church, answering the call and commission God has placed on us of making disciples of all nations, we must, must be a people of prayer. Praying in unity, praying continuously, praying devotedly.

How might we encourage each other to grow in prayer?

<u>Family Weekly Memory Verse:</u> "These all with one mind were continually devoting themselves to prayer."-Acts 1:14