



ACTS: MISSION & PRAYER IN THE CHURCH

Acts 1:1-14

Week of February 26, 2023

Belong: *Use this as a time to get to know one another. The questions below are written for people to open-up and belong to the group.*

Take a **few minutes** to hear about your group members' week.

Choose two of the questions below:

- Ask about highs or lows that have happened since the last time you met.
- Or, Give a fun fact about yourself.
- Or, Up to this point in your life, what has been your best or worst surprise?
- Or, Has there ever been a time in life when you felt completely helpless or completely in over your head? What was it and how did you respond?

How has God revealed Himself to you this week?

Believe: *Read this week assigned Scriptures then highlight each verse that speaks to you. Include the book, chapter and verse(s).*

Have someone in your group read **Acts 1:1-14** aloud.

We do not know exactly when Jesus will return, but we do know that it could be at any moment. Knowing He can return at any moment, it should encourage us to spend time making disciples and be "united in prayer." ***Our questions today are, what are we called to do? Do we know how to make disciples/pray? And, why do we do these things?***

Build: *Engage the passage and wrestle with its meaning. Ask why it was written, who was it written to, and what is the author trying to say to the **original audience**. Be sure to pay attention to the **context** to help you understand the meaning. How does it fit with the verses before and after it?*

In **Acts 1:4-6**, Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would baptize the disciples "in a few days." But the disciples seemed to disregard and asked a question in **1:6**?

- Why did they ask this question? Where did it come from?

Acts 1:8 really sets the tone for the entire book.

- What are they called to do?
- Where are they called to do it?
- How are they going to be able to do it?

In **Acts 1:14**, Luke mentions that "all were continually united in prayer, including the women." What is the significance of this moment? What should it teach us?

- What do you think they were praying about?
 - What would you have prayed about?
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Become: *Application is the heart of the process. How can this help me? What would the application of this verse look like in my life? What is God saying to me?*

What is the ultimate mission of God? How would you put it in your own words if your friend(s) were to ask you?

- How would you describe your role as a follower of Jesus in that mission?

Have someone turn to and read **Matthew 28:17-20** aloud. Why is it important for the church to continually make disciples? Is FBC making disciples? Why or Why not?

- Who's responsibility is it to make disciples?

Why is it important for the church to continually be united in prayer? Is FBC united in prayer? Why or Why not?

If, as a Community Group, you took the time to dream for a moment...

- What would it look like for the mission of God to advance through FBC Portland?
 - What would need to change in our hearts and lives in order for Jesus to advance the kingdom through FBC?
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Begin: *It's important that we not only hear and discuss God's Word but respond to it. (James 1:22)*

Based on our study this week, are any of you convicted to respond?

At the end of the conversation, spend some time praying as a group. Here are some prompts:

- Spend some group time—sharing requests and praying specifically for them.
 - Spend some time praying for FBC and that we would be an **Acts 1** church that spreads the Gospel of Jesus Christ and is continually united in prayer to God.
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Additional Resources:

Blue Letter Bible: David Guzik: Check out the QR code to learn more.



Precept Austin: Acts 1: Check out the QR code to learn more.

