

Prayer in Luke-Acts

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Jesus' **practice** of prayer in **Luke**

- Jesus' **baptism** (Luke 3:21-22)
- Jesus spends time **alone** with the Father (Lk 5:16)
- Jesus **choose** the Twelve (Luke 6:12-13)
- Jesus is **Messiah** ! Peter's confession (Luke 9:18)
- Jesus' transfiguration (Luke 9:28)
- Jesus **teaches** the disciples' prayer (Luke 11:1)
- Jesus tells a parable about prayer (Luke 18:1)
“. . . when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"

NOTE: Persevering prayer is **proof** of faith

Jesus' followers **practice** of prayer in **Acts**

- **United** in unceasing prayer (Acts 1:14)
- Choosing **someone** to replace Judas (Acts 1:24)
- Practicing the means of **grace** (Acts 2:42)
- **Overcoming** thru Holy Spirit boldness (Acts 4:23-31)
- Praying for a **miracle** (Acts 12:5)
- Rejoicing in **desperate** situations (Acts 16:25)
- Facing **transitions** with dear friends (Acts 20:36)

"For Luke, prayer is the distinguishing mark of true discipleship, and churches that make a difference will be churches that are oriented to prayer, including both set prayers and spontaneous prayers . . ."

"Moving Forward on Our Knees: Corporate Prayer in the New Testament" by Grant R. Osborne JETS 53:2 (June 2010)

Life Group Homework

1) As you reflect on the priority that Christ placed on prayer, how is God challenging you to grow in relationship with Him?

2) What do you believe happens when believers pray together?

Does your practice align with your beliefs? Why or why not?

3) READ Luke 11:5-8. Suggest a title for this parable. What is the main point that Jesus is trying to make? An application?

Title:

Main point:

Personal application:

4) READ Luke 11:9-10. What a promise! Be **encouraged** to make a plan to pray and find a friend(s) to pray with.

Who?

When?

Where?