



Discussion Guide
Church — Part 2
PARTICIPANT GUIDE

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"Pray without ceasing on behalf of other men... For cannot he that falls rise again? "

[Ignatius of Antioch]

ENGAGE & CONNECT ||

Would you go on a hot air balloon ride if they were offering them for free?

BEGIN WITH PRAYER ||

Lord, teach us to pray. Devote us to prayer. Let us wait on Your Spirit to guide us into all truth.

MEMORIZING SCRIPTURE ||

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

[Hebrews 10:24-5, ESV]

BIG IDEA ||

We grow to love as Jesus loved when we are devoted to the kind of church Jesus built.

PASSAGE & DISCUSSION ||

Acts 1:12-26

1. Who was at this first prayer meeting of the church?
2. How long were they there? What is the longest prayer event you've ever attended or been part of?
3. What would it look like for us to devote ourselves to prayer like this?
4. How did they choose to move forward after Judas' betrayal and death?
5. How can we be unified in Christ while still having distinctions between us?
6. What differences do you most struggle to accept in others?
7. What is your role in the ministry of the gospel? What is your role in this group?

8. Which is more challenging: to play great parts without pride or small parts without shame, comparison, and jealousy?

STEP OF OBEDIENCE ||

The kingdom does not advance only by those in leadership, but by countless unseen disciples who quietly, steadily, and lovingly live for Christ.

As you consider your next step, reflect on: 1) How can you be devoted to prayer? 2) What is your role in the body of Christ?

PRAYER FOCUS ||

"Spirit of Christ, free us from the powers of fear, social pressure, nostalgia, and selective obedience. Prepare for Yourself a people willing to step into ministry who will wait for You to direct and guide us. Amen"