

# The Model Church: House of Prayer

Acts 2

**MAIN IDEA:** Jesus commands us to extend our reach beyond the church.

1. When did they pray?
  - a. Scheduled
  - b. Spontaneous
2. How did they pray?
  - a. With Expectation
  - b. With Authority
  - c. With Humility
3. Why did they pray?
  - a. Filling of the Spirit
  - b. Healing
  - c. Resurrection
  - d. Wisdom
  - e. Choosing Leaders
  - f. Commissioning Workers
  - g. Forgiveness
  - h. Praise
  - i. Salvation
  - j. Deliverance

How did Jesus demonstrate his zeal for prayer? Consider Luke 22:39-41 and Matthew 21:12-13.

What is the difference between praying with expectation and praying with authority?

How can we pray with both authority and humility?

Consider the reasons for prayer. Can you think of any others besides what is listed above?

## PERSONAL RESPONSE

Is prayer a priority in your life? If so, how? If not, why not?

What is your heart's attitude when you pray?

When and where do you generally pray? What is an unusual place or time you have prayed?

Consider the "Why did they pray?" section in the outline above. Are any of these missing from your prayer life?

Add some variety to your prayer life this week:

- Do you lack scheduled prayer time? Set aside some regular time for prayer.
- Do you tend to only pray at scheduled times? Try praying spontaneously throughout the day.
- Consider where you normally pray. Go to one or more new places to pray.
- Pray about things you don't usually pray about.
- Be mindful of the moving of the Holy Spirit. Pray for people and situations as the Lord brings them to your mind.

## REPRODUCE

Who do you pray with? Or do you only pray alone?

Ask someone to pray with you this week, or join a group to pray with: friends, family, small group, leaders, etc.

Ask someone to help keep you accountable in your prayer life.

Commit to attending one or more of the prayer services DEC is offering in the next couple of weeks.

## KEY VERSES

- Matthew 21:13
- John 16:23-24
- Acts 2:42
- Acts 3:1
- Acts 4:23-40
- Acts 12:5
- Acts 12:12
- Acts 16:13
- Acts 20:9
- Ephesians 6:12
- Luke 22:39-41