

The Priority of Prayer

Series: Together in Prayer

Acts 1:1-14

Overview

1. Luke is inspired by God to write the book of _____.

2. He summarizes the gospel of _____.

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach . . . Acts 1:1-3

3. He speaks of Jesus' instructions to _____ in Jerusalem for the promise of the Father.

4. He recounts the _____ words of Jesus

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. Acts 1:8

5. He writes of the _____ of Jesus.

And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. Acts 1:9

6. The disciples returned to _____.

7. They _____ in the upper room.

8. They were _____ to prayer.

And all these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. Acts 1:14

***The Church would move forward not by clever tactics, or simple intellect but by the power of God by the _____ in answer to _____.**

***Prayer is mentioned in the book of Acts at least ____ times.**

***Jesus had _____ them much about prayer.**

In Matthew's gospel alone he taught on prayer:

Pray for your _____. (Matthew 5:44-45)

Don't pray to be seen but pray in _____. (Matthew 6:5ff.)

_____, seek and knock and don't stop. (Matthew 7:7-11)

The _____ house is a house of prayer. (Matthew 21:13)

Pray in _____. (Matthew 21:21-22)

In the book of Acts:

1. They understood the _____ of prayer.

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer. Acts 2:42, CSB

Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. Acts 3:1

2. They saw the _____ of prayer.

And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness. Acts 4:31

3. They were _____ in prayer.

So Peter was kept in prison, but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church. Acts 12:5

When he realized this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John whose other name was Mark, where many were gathered together and were praying. Acts 12:12

4. They set apart and sent _____ through prayer.

Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off. Acts 13:3

5. They looked for opportunities for the gospel at a _____ of prayer.

And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. Acts 16:13

If prayer is a priority it must start _____.

A = _____

C = _____

T = _____

S = _____

If prayer is a priority it must continue _____.

Consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly. Gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land to the house of the LORD your God, and cry out to the LORD. Joel 1:14

Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. Colossians 4:2

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Romans 12:12

And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

Acts 20:36