

Review:

Lesson 1: Spiritual Warfare

Lesson 2: Encouraging the Prayerer

Spirit-filled Prayer

Acts 2:42-47

When the Spirit of God takes root in us, one of the desires of our heart is to _____. This kind of spiritual devotion is characteristic of a Christ follower living in the Spirit.

Discussion 1. Over the course of your time following Jesus, has your desire to pray grown, diminished, or stayed the same? If it has grown, how would you describe that growth (i.e., do you pray more often, more deeply, more passionately, etc.)?

The early church's devotion to prayer helps us understand why Christ followers pray. It is not out of some sense of obligation or duty; rather, we are _____ by the _____ living in us to pray.

Discussion 2. If I just do not want to pray, how/why is that more than just an attitude problem? How might it be evidence of a spiritual problem? What do you think is the remedy for it?

Spirit-filled prayer and Spirit-filled fellowship lead directly to Spirit-filled _____. It is a pattern that has repeated itself millions of times over thousands of years.

Discussion 3. Do you believe there is a connection between our prayer life and our obedience to God? How would you describe that connection? Is it possible to be obedient to God without staying in regular communication with Him? Why or why not?

Joy in the Lord is not dependent upon circumstances. In that way, it is distinct from happiness. It is a fruit of the Spirit and is nurtured by a devotion to _____ and learning of God. It is a predictable outcome of genuinely following Christ.

Discussion 4. There should be a direct relationship between devotion to prayer and joy in the Lord. Why is that so? If I am praying but it is not leading to joy in the Lord, what are some reasons that might be?