

REKINDLED: AND THE ANSWER IS.... DEVOTION AND DISCUSSION GUIDE

Acts 1:12-14 ESV

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³ And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴ All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

The Four Pillars of the Early Church:

- Built on a SUPERNATURAL EXPECTANCY
- Built on AUTHENTIC COMMUNITY
- Built on PRAYER AND FASTING
- Built on the PURE GOSPEL

Opening Discussion: Rekindling the Ancient Flame of Prayer

- How would you describe your prayer life? If you took an honest assessment, are you pleased with your prayer life? Why or why not?
- What has been your experience of participating in a corporate prayer meeting? Are you comfortable in this environment? Why or why not?
- What kinds of things have you seen God do as a result of people coming together for corporate prayer? How does this encourage your faith? How does this challenge you?
- What do our prayer meetings say about our view of God?

Key Thought: A cry coming from a prayer meeting is the fuel that the fire ignites.

“If you want to know how popular the church is, come on Sunday morning. If you want to know how popular the preacher is, come on Sunday night. But if you want to know how popular God is, come to the prayer meeting.” Leonard Ravenhill

1) His Church was Birthed and Built by a Prayer Meeting (Acts 1:14)

- The church was birthed in a prayer meeting (Acts 2:42).
- Truth: The fire found the fuel in a prayer meeting.
- How did this analogy speak to you?
- The church was built by a prayer meeting (Acts 2:41, 4:4).
- Truth: Fire comes to a position, not a place.
- Is your life built through prayer? Why or why not?
- The church was emboldened by a prayer meeting (Acts 4:30-31).

- Truth: The effect of the fire is boldness.
- Have you ever experienced boldness as a result of prayer? Do you want more?

2) We are Welcomed into the Church Because of a Prayer Meeting (Acts 10:1-20; 44-47)

- As you read the account of Peter and Cornelius in Acts chapter 10, what is the common denominator of both verse 9 and verse 30? What can you glean from this?
- What was the result of these two men praying in different parts of the country (verses 44-47)? How does this confirm that fire finds its fuel in a prayer meeting?

3) The Church Lives or Dies by the Prayer Meeting

- Key thought: A cry coming from a prayer meeting is the fuel that ignites the fire.
- Read Isaiah 56:7. Do you recognize that as the temple of the Holy Spirit, you too are to be a “house of prayer?”
- Fight for every moment you spend with Jesus.
- Move from a house that prays to a praying house—individually and corporately.
- “We cannot have big results from our small praying.” Leonard Ravenhill

Application:

- Can you commit to positioning yourself as fuel for the flame of the Holy Spirit to ignite?
- Will you press in for more, determined to move forward and not retreat in your commitment to prayer?
- How would you finish the following statement:
I am not going back _____.