

Self-Examination Questions:

Acts 1:12-26
9/14/25 Sermon Notes

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Am I utilizing the power of prayer effectively?
(See: **Philippians 4:6–7**)

Acts:1:12-14

Lesson 1: Prayer makes the waiting process easier.

Psalm 37:7 (LSB)

Be still in Yahweh and wait patiently for Him;
Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way,
Because of the man who carries out schemes of wickedness.

Lesson 2: Prayer is a way to draw nearer to God and be confident of His presence with you.

Psalm 145:18 (LSB)

Yahweh is near to all who call upon Him,
To all who call upon Him in truth.

Jeremiah 29:12–13 (LSB)

¹² ‘Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. ¹³
‘You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart.

Lesson 3: Prayer is key to unity.

Matthew 18:19–20 (LSB)

¹⁹ “Again I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask, it shall be done for them by My Father who is in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst.”

Acts:1:15-20

Lesson 4: Prayer should be the foundation before every action.

Philippians 4:6 (LSB)

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and petition with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

1 Thessalonians 5:17 (LSB)

pray without ceasing;

Matthew 16:18 (LSB)

“And I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.

Lesson 5: Prayer is the key to finding the courage to become all that God has called you to be.

2 Samuel 7:27–28 (LSB)

²⁷ “For You, O Yahweh of hosts, the God of Israel, have revealed in the hearing of Your slave, saying, ‘I will build you a house’; therefore Your slave has found courage in his heart to pray this prayer to You. ²⁸ “So now, O Lord Yahweh, You are God, and Your words are truth, and You have promised this good thing to Your slave.

Lesson 6: Prayer is the reminder that with Christ, you can safely cross the field of blood.

Matthew 26:41 (LSB)

“Keep watching and praying that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

Psalms 119:11 (LSB)

Your word I have treasured in my heart,
That I may not sin against You.

Acts:1:21-26

Matthias = Gift of God¹

Lesson 7: Prayer guides you to choose your companions wisely.

James 1:5 (LSB)

But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

Mark 11:24 (LSB)

“For this reason I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, believe that you have received them, and they will be granted to you.

¹ **Meaning of names acquired from the following sources:**

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