

Simply Praying - The Pursuit of Glory

Acts 2:37 Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?" 38 Peter said to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 "For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself." 40 And with many other words he solemnly testified and kept on exhorting them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation!" 41 So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls. 42 They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Understanding What it Means to Be the Church- Our Devotion:

1. The Apostle's teaching is the commitment to _____ what God _____.
2. The Fellowship is the commitment to _____ those whom God has _____.
3. The Breaking of Bread is the commitment to _____ that which God has _____.
4. Prayer is our commitment to _____ that which God _____, and doing so with the _____ that God _____.

The Nature of Prayer

- At the most elementary level it is simply _____ with _____ born out of a _____ which He _____.

What it Isn't

- A means of _____ our spiritual _____.
Matt. 6:5 "When you pray, you are not to be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on the street corners so that they may be seen by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full. 6 "But you, when you pray, go into your inner room, close your door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you.
- A simple _____ that can be packaged into a _____ or empty _____.
Matt. 6:7 "And when you are praying, do not use meaningless repetition as the Gentiles do, for they suppose that they will be heard for their many words. 8 "So do not be like them; for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.
- Prayer is not _____ a means of _____ what we _____.

The Goal of Prayer

- To pursue God's _____, _____, _____, and _____ through an ongoing Biblically _____ conversation with Him.

Your Assignment over the course of this Mini-Series:

- To _____.
- To _____.
- a) Simply _____ (All prayer is an appeal for God's Honor!)- Matt 6:9
- b) Simply _____ - A Prayer for God's Purpose- Matt 6:10
- c) Simply _____ - A Prayer for God's Provision- Matt 6:11
- d) Simply _____ - A Prayer for God's Forgiveness- Matt 6:12
- e) Simply _____ - A prayer for our Holiness- Matt 6:13