

# WHEN REVIVAL HAPPENS

## Pray Like EVERYTHING Depends On It

### For Discussion

“When we rely upon organization, we get what organization can do; when we rely upon education, we get what education can do; when we rely upon eloquence, we get what eloquence can do, and so on. Nor am I disposed to undervalue any of these things in their proper place, but when we rely upon prayer, we get what God can do.” (A.C. Dixon, *Evangelism, A Biblical Approach*, M. Cocoris, Moody, 1984, p. 108)  
What do we rely on? Why do you say that? What is your evidence?

### Encounter

read *God's Word* so that He can speak to you

### Explore His Word

asking questions of what you saw. The notes which follow may help you to think through these questions

1)

Acts 1:14. Why were they constantly in prayer?

- Why “all joined together” instead of separately?
- Literally it reads, “devoting themselves to the prayer.” Compare what the same author (Luke) wrote in Luke 11:13. Do you see the connection?
- What happened because of their prayers? Or would it have happened even if they didn't pray?

2) What did Jesus tell us about prayer?

- Matthew 6:5-15 –
- Luke 11:1-13 –
- Luke 18:1-8 –
- John 14:13-14 –

3) Acts 4:23-31. Notice again “together in prayer.” What happened to move them to pray?

- What did they remember about God? Why is it important to remember?
- What promises did they claim?
- What did they ask for?
- What happened?

4) Why do we need to pray?

- Why “together”?
- What kinds of things do we typically pray for?
- What should we be praying for? What are our real needs?

5)

Is prayer an urgent thing for us? Why or why not?

- Why don't we pray?
- Does this say anything about our faith? About God at work among us?

6)

What do you really expect God to do if we all prayed for revival like everything depended on it?

Going  
Further

One thing we can do to train ourselves to remember, is to memorize a part of what our Father has said to us. The Holy Spirit can use this to change our thinking so that our "heads" are more like Jesus.

**This week, memorize James 4:2b-3 .**