



DAY ONE

Week Three

Acts 2:1-13

The Power of the Spirit 40 Days of Prayer (Week 1)

In Acts 2, we read about what happened on the day the Holy Spirit was poured out on the church. With His arrival, the newborn church found the power it needed to embark on the mission Jesus had laid out for them. The remainder of the book of Acts, in fact, tells the story of how they relied on the Spirit to guide and empower them on mission.

Here at River Valley Christian Church, we want to be a people who are led and empowered by the Spirit. We want Him to use us to do things we could never do on our own. If we're going to be a church like that, we need to learn how to rely on His guidance. In short, we need to learn how to pray.

Over the next forty days, we want to pray together that God would show us where He would have us to go as a church. More than that, we want to pray for the courage to step out and do the things He would have us to do. Join us in these 40 days, asking God to make us a people who rely more on Him!

DAY ONE (01/23/17):

Psalm 63:3-5: "Your unfailing love is better than life itself; how I praise you! I will praise you as long as I live, lifting up my hands to you in prayer. You satisfy me more than the richest feast. I will praise you with songs of joy."

Spend some time in prayer searching and seeking for God. Admit your total dependence and need for Him. Ask God to reveal Himself and His will over these 40 days of focused prayer.

DAY TWO (01/24/17):

Psalm 51:1-2: "Have mercy on me, O God, because of your unfailing love. Because of your great compassion, blot out the stain of my sins. Wash me clean from my guilt. Purify me from my sin."

Spend some time in prayer confessing your sin and disobedience. Ask God to show you those areas of your life where you need to follow Him in greater obedience. Pray that we as a church would repent before Him.

DAY THREE (01/25/17):

Jeremiah 10:23-24: "I know, LORD, that our lives are not our own. We are not able to plan our own course. So correct me, LORD, but please be gentle. Do not correct me in anger, for I would die."

Pray for the awareness that your life belongs to Him and Him alone. Ask Him to guide your course, correcting you if need be. Spend some time seeking God's will and what He would have for you individually.

DAY FOUR (01/26):

Psalm 103:1-2: "Let all that I am praise the LORD; with my whole heart, I will praise his holy name. Let all that I am praise the LORD; may I never forget the good things he does for me."

Spend some time in prayer praising God for all He's done. As you pray, thank Him for all the good things He's filled your life with. Ask Him to renew your strength and to empower you to seek and do His will.

DAY FIVE (01/27):

Colossians 1:18-20: "Christ is also the head of the church, which is His body. He is the beginning, supreme over all who rise from the dead. So He is first in everything. For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ, and through Him God reconciled everything to Himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross."

Thank God for who Jesus is and what He has done. Praise Him for the forgiveness and grace we have because of His sacrifice on the cross. Specifically, take some time to thank God for the difference Jesus has made in your own life. Thank Him for how Jesus changed your story.

DAY SIX (01/28):

John 16:33: [Jesus said,] "I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world."

Spend some time in prayer praising God for the truth of these words. Thank Him for overcoming the world through the sacrifice of Christ. As you pray, commit your "trials and sorrows" over to Him. Ask Him to work in a mighty way in each of these circumstances.

DAY SEVEN (01/29):

Galatians 5:13-14: "For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love. For the whole law can be summed up in this one command: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

Thank God for the freedom you have in Christ. Ask that He would give you a heart of service for those around you. Pray that He would reveal ways that you could serve others today.