

Message Notes

Mind the Gap – Acts 4:23-31

8. What prayers do you believe we must be engaged in when we think about the future of Village Green? What do you believe would best honor God's will for our congregation?

9. Was there a key point from the message that you would like to discuss or expand upon?

Making It Personal

1. What "dimension" do your prayers typically fall into?
2. Did you learn anything new in this study on prayer that you could begin to incorporate this week?
3. Is there a particular need that you've not taken to God for reasons other than your own pride, or belief that God won't respond?

Coming Next Week

How and what we give is often the best indicator of the condition of our heart. Next week we learn the power of generosity to transform not only our heart, but also the hearts of those we want to touch.

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Sermon Notes

This Week's Message

We've all heard that prayer is nothing more than communicating with God. But what should be at the heart of that communication? In this week's message we look at a critical moment in the life of the early church to learn the role that prayer played.

Life Group Study Notes

This following study is based on Acts 4:23-31.

1. What was the key thought from last week's message?
2. What is the larger context of Acts 4:23-31 and why is it important for our understanding?
3. It is easy to sometimes "act like a Christian," but often it is how we react to circumstances that communicate our faith best. What does this passage teach us about the way we should react?
4. What were the 3 dimensions of prayer given in the message? Take time to discuss each, especially the importance that was stressed on dimension #3.
 - a. _____.
 - b. _____.
 - c. _____.
5. Look at the overall structure of the prayer (24b-10). What is interesting to you about it? (For example, the way it starts, the way it ends, the basic request)
 - a. Do my prayers _____?
 - b. Do my prayers _____?
 - c. Do my prayers _____?
 - d. Do my prayers _____?
 - e. Do my prayers _____?
6. There were 5 essential questions given in the message. What were they and discuss each?
7. Discuss the outcome or result of the prayer. What should this teach us about our own expectations when it comes to prayer?