

Week 3.

- What does 'Corporate' mean?
- Read Acts 12:5-17
- Where was everyone else when Peter was chained up in prison?
- Why do you think it is important to pray together as a body of Christians (ie. in a Sunday Service)?
- How did Jesus instruct his followers to pray in a way that reminds us we are 'a body' rather than a group of individuals?
- How might using the same prayers that are widely known (eg. Weekly Collect & The Lord's Prayer) be helpful?

'When we pray we are in solidarity with Christian people everywhere - [through the Holy Spirit] the prayer of the Church is joined to prayer in heaven.'

[Cottrell p.19/20]

- Can you think of other ways in which we can be joined in prayer throughout the week when we are not physically together - after all for some it is not possible to get to church?
- In Acts, the people praying 'were amazed' that their prayers had been answered. Share any incidences of unexpected answered prayer.
- We read in Acts 2 that the Christians frequently met to pray & share together in community. Why is it so important to do that?
- Close by using The Lord's prayer & the Collect from this week's Weekly News Sheet.



Ways To Pray : Corporate Prayer

Prayer is :

- Global / Personal
- A Duty / A Delight
- Difficult / Easy
- Communication / Encounter
- Intelligent / Immersive
- Silent / Verbal
- Corporate / Private
- All these things & more.....

"When we pray we are caught up in something much bigger than ourselves"

[Cottrell p.19]

Recommended Reading for the Series :

How To Pray : John Pritchard : SPCK : 2002

Praying Through Life : Stephen Cottrell : Church House Pub : 1998

Prayer - Experiencing Awe & Intimacy With God : Timothy Keller : Hodder : 2016

