



Prayer and the Mission of True Community

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Our Mission is God's Mission

"We are a church family devoted to making disciples of Jesus Christ."

"Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." Mt. 28:19-20

"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8

Our Mission Markers

- Identity – Who I am – Becoming
- Family – Who we are – Belonging
- Purpose – What we do – Being
- Sacrifice – What it cost – Bringing

The Power of Prayer While on Mission.

- Prayer doesn't guarantee a life free of suffering, it guarantees peace when life is unfair.

"It was about this time that King Herod...had James, the brother of John, put to death with the sword...he proceeded to seize Peter also...Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him." Acts 12

- Prayer doesn't guarantee a life free of trouble, it guarantees courage amid the struggle.

"We went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer...Once when they were going to the place of prayer...About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God..." Acts 16

- Prayer doesn't guarantee a life free of questions, it guarantees a life of mysterious purpose.

"While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them..." Acts 13:2

"Now I urge you to keep up your courage, because not one of you will be lost; only the ship will be destroyed. Last night an angel of the God whose I am and whom I serve stood beside me and said, "Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand trial before Caesar; and God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you." Acts 27:22-24