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The Early Church Was Unified In Prayer...

When making decisions.

As a regular part of worship and life.

In times of difficulty.

For their leaders.

That the Good News would spread.

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Matters for Reflection and Discussion:

1. Acts 1:14 describes the early believers as being united and devoted to prayer. What do you think made prayer such a natural priority for the early church, and what can we learn from their example?
2. What is the difference between a church that includes prayer in its activities and a church that is genuinely devoted to prayer?
3. In Acts 2:42, prayer is listed alongside teaching, fellowship, and breaking bread as a regular part of the believers' lives. How can we cultivate that same commitment to prayer in our church and personal lives?
4. How does praying together help believers develop greater unity, especially when they have different opinions, preferences, or perspectives?
5. In Acts 4:23-31, the believers responded to opposition by praying for boldness rather than simply asking God to remove their difficulties. What does this reveal about their priorities? How might it challenge the way we pray?
6. Acts 6:1-7 shows the importance of prayer in selecting and commissioning leaders. Why is it essential for a church to seek God's guidance when making important decisions?
7. How might our church be different if we became more intentional about praying for our leaders, ministries, and opportunities to share the Gospel?
8. What are some obstacles that keep Christians from praying together regularly? How can we overcome those obstacles and make corporate prayer a greater priority?
9. If someone observed our church for several weeks, would they recognize us as a people devoted to prayer? What practical changes could we make, individually and collectively, to become more like the early church in this area?